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## LISTE DES ABRÉVIATIONS, SIGLES ET ACRONYMES

Å	Angström
$\alpha$	Alpha
AcOEt	Acétate d'éthyle
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	Chlorure d'aluminium
aq.	Aqueux
Ar	Aryle
$\beta$	Bêta
Bi	Bismuth métallique
Bi(III)	Bismuth à l'état d'oxydation +3
Bi(V)	Bismuth à l'état d'oxydation +5
BiBr <sub>3</sub>	Bromure de bismuth
BiCl <sub>3</sub>	Chlorure de bismuth
Bi(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	Triflate de bismuth
Bi(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·5H <sub>2</sub> O	Nitrate de bismuth pentahydraté
bipy	2,2'-Bipyridine
Boc	Di-carbonate de di- <i>tert</i> -butyle
<i>n</i> BuLi	<i>n</i> -Butyle lithium
Br	Brome
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Dichlorométhane
CH <sub>2</sub> I <sub>2</sub>	Diiodométhane
CH <sub>3</sub> CN	Acétonitrile
Cl	Chlore
CN	Nitrile

$\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$	Carbonate de césium
Cu	Cuivre
CuBr	Bromure de cuivre
CuI	Iodure de cuivre
$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$	Acétate de cuivre
$\text{Cu}(\text{OPiv})_2$	Pivalate de cuivre
$\text{Cy}_2\text{NMe}$	<i>N</i> -diméthylcyclohexylamine
DME	Diméthoxyéthane
DMF	Diméthylformamide
DMSO	Diméthylsulfoxyde
Et	Éthyle
$\text{Et}_3\text{N}$	Triéthylamine
$\text{Et}_2\text{Zn}$	Diéthylzinc
F	Fluor
FG	Functional group (groupement fonctionnel)
Fmoc	Chlorure de fluorénylméthoxycarbonyle
H	Hydrogène
HCHO	Formaldéhyde
HCl	Acide chlorhydrique
HetAr	Hétéroaryle
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Eau
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	Peroxyde d'hydrogène
HRMS	Spectroscopie de Masse Haute Résolution ( <i>High Resolution Mass Spectroscopy</i> )
I	Iode

IR	InfraRouge
K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Carbonate de potassium
KF	Fluorure de potassium
KOH	Hydroxyde de potassium
<i>m</i>	<i>Méta</i>
Me	Méthyle
MeMgBr	Bromure de méthyle magnésium
MeOH	Méthanol
Mg <sup>0</sup>	Magnésium métallique
MgSO <sub>4</sub>	Sulfate de magnésium
NaBH <sub>4</sub>	Borohydrure de sodium
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	Hydrogénocarbonate de sodium
NaOH	Hydroxyde de sodium
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Sulfate de sodium
NMP	<i>N</i> -méthyl-2-pyrrolidone
NO <sub>2</sub>	Groupe nitro
Nu	Nucléophile
<i>o</i>	<i>Ortho</i>
<i>p</i>	<i>Para</i>
Pd	Palladium
Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Tetrakis(triphénylphosphine)palladium
PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	(Diacétoxy)iodobenzène
PhNH <sub>2</sub>	Aniline
PPh <sub>3</sub>	Triphénylphosphine
pK <sub>a</sub>	Constante d'acidité

<i>i</i> Pr	<i>Iso</i> -propyle
<i>i</i> PrMgCl·LiCl	Complexe de chlorure d'isopropyle magnésium et de chlorure de lithium
RMN	Résonance Magnétique Nucléaire
sat.	Saturée
Sm	Samarium
S <sub>N</sub> 2	Substitution nucléophile d'ordre 2
S <sub>N</sub> Ar	Substitution nucléophile aromatique
Tf	Triflate
THF	Tétrahydrofurane
TLC	"Thin Layer Chromatography" (Chromatographie sur couche mince)
t.p.	Température de la pièce
X	Halogène



## RÉSUMÉ

Le développement de nouvelles méthodologies de synthèse pour la formation de liens C–C, C–N et C–O est essentiel pour la préparation de molécules d'intérêt thérapeutique. Les organobismuthanes ont trouvé leur place dans le domaine de la chimie organique dû à leur réactivité unique, leur stabilité, leur faible coût ainsi qu'à leur tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels sensibles. Les organobismuthanes présentent une réactivité semblable à celle des organomercures, tout en étant non toxiques, permettant ainsi le développement de méthodologies plus respectueuses de l'environnement. La conception de complexes organométalliques de bismuth et leurs modifications ont été réalisées afin de les appliquer en réaction de couplage pour la formation de nouveaux liens. Premièrement, dans la formation de liens C–C, les complexes trialkylbismuthanes ont été couplés, par catalyse au palladium, à des 2-haloazines et diazines fonctionnalisées. À ce jour, cette méthode de couplage de trialkylbismuthanes sur des pyridines, pyrimidines, pyridazines et pyrazines est une des méthodes développées la plus complète. Par la suite, une méthode de couplage au palladium impliquant des triarylbi-muthanes a été appliquée sur ce même type de substrats afin d'apporter une alternative aux méthodes déjà connues dans la littérature. Dans la formation de liens C–N, une amélioration de la réaction de *N*-arylation d'indoles, publiée par les professeurs Derek H.R. Barton et Jean-Pierre Finet en 1988, a été rapportée grâce au bismuth trivalent. A l'issu de cet article, une méthode de *O*-arylation de 1,2-aminoalcools *N*-protégés a été développée. Dans la continuité de la formation de liens C–O, de nombreuses solutions ont été rapportées dans la littérature pour la synthèse de diaryles éthers, notamment la réaction d'Ullmann, d'Evans, Chan et Lam ou encore de Buchwald. Cependant, ces méthodes comportent des limitations comme de hautes températures de chauffage, l'utilisation d'un excès de réactif organométallique/catalyseur ou encore l'utilisation de ligands complexes. De ce fait, une nouvelle méthode de synthèse de diaryles éthers a été développée avec l'utilisation de triarylbi-muthanes fonctionnalisés. Finalement, la complexité des groupements fonctionnels sur l'organobismuthane a été poussée à son paroxysme et leurs réactivités ont été étudiées dans un dernier projet.

**Mots-clés :** Méthodologie, molécules d'intérêt, organobismuthanes, réactions de couplage, groupements fonctionnels





## ABSTRACT

The development of new synthetic methodologies for C–C, C–N and C–O bond formation is essential for the preparation of therapeutic molecules. The organobismuthanes have found their place in the field of organic chemistry due to their unique reactivity, stability, low cost and their tolerance to sensitive functional groups. The organobismuthanes have a reactivity similar to organomercuric reagents while being non-toxic, allowing the development of environmentally friendly methodologies. The organometallic complexes of bismuth have been applied in cross-coupling reactions for the formation of new bonds. First, trialkylbismuthanes reagents were coupled under palladium catalysis, onto functionalized 2-haloazines and diazines, leading to C–C bond formation. For the moment, this cross-coupling reaction on pyridines, pyrimidines, pyrazines and pyridazines is one of the most comprehensive developed methods. Then, a palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction involving triarylbiuthanes was applied on the same type of substrates in order to provide an alternative to existing methods found in literature. In the field of C–N bond formation, an improvement of the *N*-arylation reaction of indoles, published by Barton and Finet in 1988, was brought through the trivalent bismuth. Thanks to this article, a method of *O*-arylation of *N*-protected 1,2-aminoalcohols was discovered. Regarding C–O bond formation, many procedures have been reported in the literature for the synthesis of diaryl ethers, such as Ullman, Evans, Chan and Lam or Buchwald reactions. However, these methods have limitations such as the requirement of high temperatures, excess of organometallic reagent/catalyst or use of complex ligands. Therefore, a new method of synthesis of diaryl ethers has been developed with functionalized triarylbiuthanes. Finally, the complexity of the functional groups on the organobismuthane was pushed to its limit and complexes reactivities were studied in a last project.



## INTRODUCTION

### 0. 1. Le bismuth

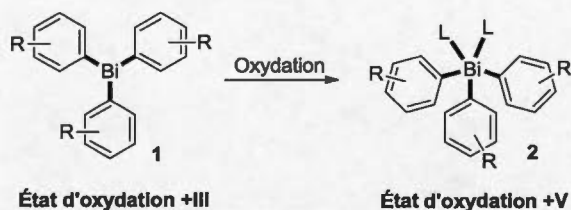
#### 0. 1. 1. Généralités

Souvent confondu avec l'étain ou le plomb, le bismuth appartient à la famille des pnictogènes et constitue le 83ème élément du tableau périodique.<sup>1a</sup> En le séparant du plomb, c'est Claude Geffroy le Jeune qui découvrit le bismuth au 18ème siècle. Son utilisation est toutefois plus ancienne, puisque des études ont montré que les Incas s'en servaient déjà afin de fabriquer leurs couteaux.<sup>1a, 1b</sup>

De par son haut poids moléculaire, il est un des éléments chimiques les plus lourds du tableau périodique. De plus, il s'agit d'un métal très stable car à l'état métallique, il ne réagit ni avec l'air ni avec l'eau. La non-toxicité de certains réactifs de bismuth en fait un élément avec un statut que l'on considère comme "vert". En effet, il est employé dans de nombreux produits comme par exemple le Peptobismol, qui est un médicament contre les douleurs abdominales. Reconnus depuis de très nombreuses années pour leur non-toxicité, les composés de bismuth possèdent donc un avantage de taille pour leur usage en chimie médicinale ou encore en cosmétique.

La configuration électronique du bismuth correspond à  $[\text{Xe}] (4f)^{14}(5d)^{10}(6s)^2(6p)^3$ . Fait remarquable, les électrons célibataires sur sa couche de valence lui confèrent la propriété d'être le métal le plus diamagnétique de la classification périodique. D'après la théorie VSEPR,  $\text{BiR}_3$  contient un doublet non liant ( $\text{AX}_3\text{E}_1$ ) justifiant la géométrie tétraédrique ( $m + n = 4$ ) et l'angle inférieur à  $109.5^\circ$ . Un don ou un retrait d'électrons justifie les deux degrés d'oxydations possibles du bismuth : +III et +V. Le  $\text{Bi(III)}$  est connu pour être plus stable que son homologue  $\text{Bi(V)}$  dû à l'inertie du

doublet non liant et sa symétrie sphérique. Ces deux états d'oxydations confèrent au bismuth une réactivité toute particulière (Schéma 1).



**Schéma 1** : États d'oxydation du bismuth

Dans le cas de l'état d'oxydation +III, les groupements sur le bismuth possèdent un caractère nucléophile, donc les complexes trivalents réagissent avec des espèces de type électrophile. Par contre dans le cas de l'état d'oxydation +V, ils démontrent un caractère électrophile et réagissent plutôt avec des espèces de type nucléophile. Par conséquent, cet aspect unique du bismuth permet l'exploration d'un large éventail de réactions possibles avec les organobismuthanes.

## 0. 2. Applications du bismuth en chimie organique

Au cours du 20<sup>ème</sup> siècle, le bismuth connaît un intérêt croissant dû à une chimie riche.<sup>2</sup> Depuis une quinzaine d'années, le bismuth a été employé dans de nombreux types de réactions, que cela soit en tant que réactif organométallique ou en tant que catalyseur. Ces deux utilisations possibles du bismuth correspondent à des chimies complètement différentes, ce que nous allons démontrer par la suite. Premièrement, nous discuterons de son implication dans la chimie organique en tant que catalyseur et par la suite, de son rôle en tant que réactif possédant une liaison R–Bi.

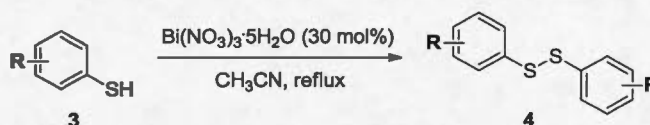
### 0. 2. 1. Utilisation du bismuth en tant qu'agent activateur

Le bismuth a été grandement utilisé en tant que catalyseur dans de nombreuses et différentes méthodes durant ces dernières années. Nous citerons de manière non exhaustive l'étendue de son application dans ces réactions. La plupart des exemples cités ci-dessous sont issus d'une revue très complète écrite par Mohan dans *Chem. Soc. Rev.* en 2011.<sup>1a</sup>

#### 0. 2. 1. 1. Utilisation du bismuth dans des réactions d'oxydation

Tout d'abord, le bismuth a été utilisé dans différents types d'oxydation. Nous allons en citer deux exemples.

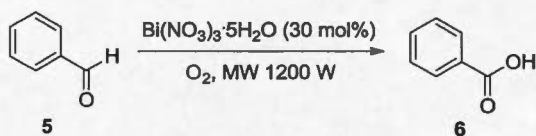
Une méthode d'oxydation de thiol **3** en disulfide **4**, transformation importante du point de vue synthétique, avec du  $\text{Bi}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  a été proposée par Khodaei en 2003 (Schéma 2).<sup>1a, 3</sup>



**Schéma 2** : Oxydation de thiol **3** en disulfide **4** avec  $\text{Bi}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Le faible coût du catalyseur permet de compenser la quantité importante de celui-ci utilisée dans cette transformation. Également, que les thiols soient de type aromatiques ou aliphatiques, l'oxydation en disulfides se fait toujours avec d'excellents rendements. De plus, les auteurs ont démontré que des alcools primaires étaient tolérés dans ces conditions d'oxydation, ce qui est un réel avantage dans la synthèse de molécules fonctionnalisées.

Le nitrate de bismuth pentahydrate a été également utilisé en tant qu'oxydant dans une méthode d'oxydation d'aldéhyde en acide carboxylique au micro-ondes, développée par Mukhopadhyay et Datta (Schéma 3).<sup>1a, 4</sup>



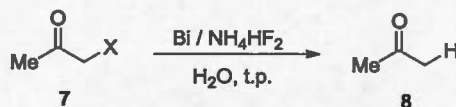
**Schéma 3 :** Oxydation d'aldéhyde aromatiques **5** en acide carboxylique **6** impliquant  $\text{Bi}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

L'oxydation de cet aldéhyde aromatique en acide carboxylique correspondant nécessite que la réaction opère au micro-ondes et en présence d'oxygène. Ces conditions particulières permettent d'obtenir de très bons rendements ainsi que des temps de réactions plus courts comparativement à la méthode d'oxydation des aldéhydes en acides carboxyliques utilisant 30%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  catalysé par l'anion Preyssler,<sup>5</sup>  $[\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}\text{O}_{110}]^{14-}$ .

#### 0. 2. 1. 2. Utilisation du bismuth dans des réactions de réduction

Le bismuth a également été utilisé dans de nombreuses réactions de réduction. En effet, en 2003, une méthode de réduction d'azoture en amines dans l'eau en utilisant du zinc métallique et  $\text{AlCl}_3$  ou  $\text{BiCl}_3$  comme acide de Lewis suivant les composés à réduire a été développée par Li. Les conditions proposées dans cet article permettent d'effectuer cette transformation avec des temps de réaction très courts et des rendements optimaux.<sup>1a, 6</sup> Une année plus tard, une déshalogénation, plus respectueuse de l'environnement comparativement à d'autres réactions de ce type, de composés  $\alpha$ -halocarbonyles **7**, avec chlore et brome comme halogène, en milieu aqueux et en présence de bismuth a été rapportée par Lee et Chan (Schéma 4).<sup>1a, 7</sup>





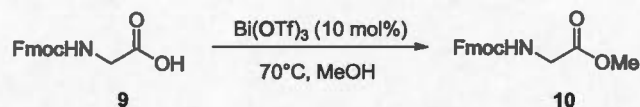
**Schéma 4** : Déshalogénéation de composés  $\alpha$ -halocarbonylés 7

Dans cette réaction, le bismuth métallique est activé par le bifluorure d'ammonium,  $\text{NH}_4\text{HF}_2$ . Les auteurs ont remarqué que de nombreux métaux, mis en présence de ce réactif en milieu aqueux, pouvaient devenir très réactifs et c'est pour cette raison qu'ils se sont intéressés au bismuth, qui lui est parfaitement stable dans ces conditions de réaction. Le mécanisme d'action du bifluorure d'ammonium n'est pas connu dans le cas de l'utilisation avec le bismuth mais avec d'autres types de métaux, des transferts d'électrons libres ont été observés à la surface du métal afin de générer un radical anion en tant qu'intermédiaire de réaction. Un des avantages de cette réaction est qu'elle est chimiosélective. En effet, la présence d'un groupement  $\text{NO}_2$  ou encore d'un carbonyle est tolérée.

#### 0. 2. 1. 3. Utilisation du bismuth dans des réactions de protection/déprotection de groupements fonctionnels

De nombreuses méthodes ont été rapportées concernant la protection et la déprotection de groupements fonctionnels impliquant le bismuth et il serait difficile de toutes les citer. Par exemple, il est possible de protéger une amine, un alcool ou un phénol avec un Boc en présence de bismuth.<sup>8</sup> Également, la déprotection d'un Boc sur un acide aminé ou un peptide peut se faire de manière sélective en utilisant du  $\text{BiCl}_3$ .<sup>9</sup> Le triflate de bismuth  $\text{Bi}(\text{OTf})_3$  a aussi été utilisé en tant que catalyseur dans une réaction d'estérification d'acide carboxylique 9, dans un solvant de type polaire protique (**Schéma 5**).<sup>1a, 10</sup>





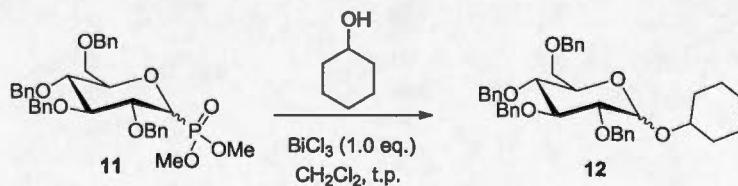
**Schéma 5** : Estérification d'acide carboxylique **9** impliquant  $\text{Bi(OTf)}_3$

L'utilisation ingénieuse du  $\text{Bi(OTf)}_3$  en tant que précurseur sécuritaire du réactif  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ , qui est corrosif et difficile à manipuler, a permis de développer une méthode simple d'application pour la synthèse d'esters. Dans ces conditions de réaction, le groupement protecteur Fmoc sera toléré, contrairement au groupement Boc qui lui sera clivé.

#### 0. 2. 1. 4. Utilisation du bismuth dans la chimie des sucres

L'utilisation du bismuth est également observée en chimie des sucres, et notamment lors de la fonctionnalisation de monosaccharides permettant ainsi la construction de centres stéréogéniques très utiles dans ce type de chimie et en synthèse totale.

La glycosylation d'un glycoside diméthylphosphite **11** grâce au  $\text{BiCl}_3$  en tant qu'agent activateur, a permis d'obtenir une mélange d'anomères du cyclohexylglucoside **12** (Schéma 6).<sup>1a, 11</sup>

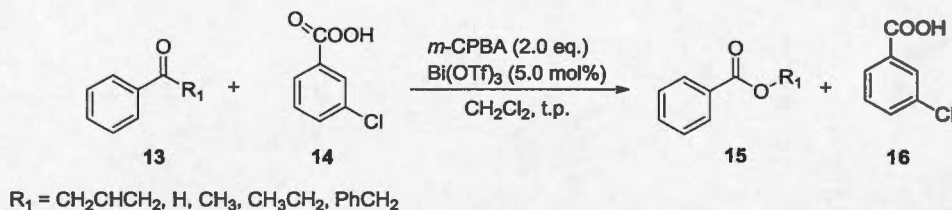


**Schéma 6** : Synthèse de cyclohexylglucoside **12**

#### 0. 2. 1. 5. Utilisation du bismuth dans des réarrangements

Le bismuth a été appliqué dans de nombreux réarrangements de type Ferrier,<sup>12</sup> Fries,<sup>13</sup> Wagner-Meerwein,<sup>14</sup> Baylis-Hillman<sup>15</sup> ou encore dans l'aromatisation de

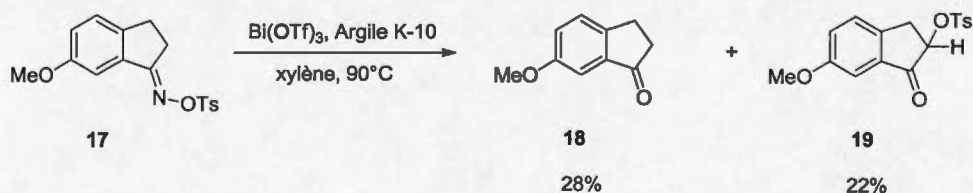
Hantzsch.<sup>16</sup> Le triflate de bismuth a été appliqué de manière efficace à l'oxydation de Baeyer-Villiger par Adapa en 2003 (Schéma 7).<sup>1a, 17</sup>



**Schéma 7** : Oxydation de Baeyer-Villiger impliquant Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>

L'utilisation du triflate de bismuth en tant que catalyseur comprend plusieurs intérêts majeurs, comme une récupération et une réutilisation du catalyseur sans altération de son efficacité ainsi que l'augmentation significative du temps de la réaction par rapport à la réaction de Baeyer-Villiger réalisée sans catalyseur.

Également, avec ce même catalyseur de bismuth, une réaction inattendue a été mise à jour lors de la tentative de réarrangement de Beckmann avec l'oxime de la 6-méthoxyindanone **17** (Schéma 8).<sup>1a, 18</sup> Au lieu d'obtenir l'amide cyclique attendu, une cyclopentanone **18** ainsi que son homologue  $\alpha$ -tosylé **19** sont les produits majoritaires de cette transformation.

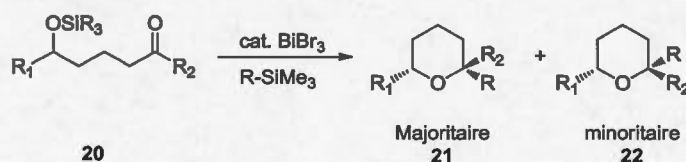


**Schéma 8** : Réarrangement inattendu avec la 6-méthoxyindanone oxime **17**

De plus, le bismuth a été engagé, pour la formation de liens C–C, dans des réactions de Mannich,<sup>19</sup> des condensations d'aldols,<sup>20</sup> des acylations de Friedel-Craft<sup>21</sup> ou encore dans des réactions de Diels-Alder.<sup>22</sup>

### 0. 2. 1. 6. Utilisation du bismuth dans des réactions de formation de liens C–C

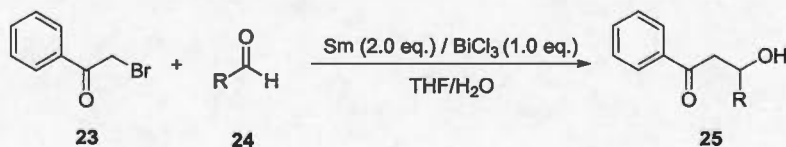
La création de liens C–C impliquant le bismuth a été une des voies les plus développées avec ce métal. Par exemple, une méthode d'éthérification intramoléculaire et sélective d'aldéhydes et cétones de dérivés d'éthers silylés **20**, impliquant une quantité catalytique de  $\text{BiBr}_3$ , pour la synthèse de tétrahydropyranes *cis*- et *trans*-2,6-di et tri-substitués a été rapportée par Evans (Schéma 9).<sup>1a, 23</sup>



**Schéma 9 :** Synthèse de tétrahydropyranes *cis*- et *trans*-2,6-di et tri-substitués **21** et **22** impliquant  $\text{BiBr}_3$

Un des plus grands avantages de cette méthode est sa sélectivité. En effet, le composé tétrahydropyrane **21** formé à l'issue de la cyclisation est largement majoritaire, dû à la faible réactivité du carbonyle protoné qui, lors de l'addition du réactif triorganosiloxy, permet de former l'ion oxocarbénium le plus réactif.

Le bismuth a aussi été appliqué à la réaction de Reformatsky, permettant l'obtention de composés  $\beta$ -hydroxycarbonyles de manière efficace. En effet, une réaction de Reformatsky, à partir de  $\alpha$ -bromoacétophénone **23** et d'aldéhydes **24** en présence de  $\text{Sm}/\text{BiCl}_3$ , a été rapportée par Zhang et Zhang (Schéma 10).<sup>1a, 24</sup>



**Schéma 10 :** Réaction de Reformatsky de  $\alpha$ -bromoacétophénone **23** impliquant  $\text{Sm}/\text{BiCl}_3$

Le mécanisme de cette réaction n'a pu être élucidé de manière irréfutable. Cependant les auteurs supposent qu'une espèce acyle bismuth, générée par réaction entre  $\alpha$ -bromoacétophénone **23** et le Bi(0), serait le réactif clé de cette transformation.

#### 0. 2. 1. 7. Utilisation du bismuth dans des réactions de formation de liens C–O

De par son rôle d'acide de Lewis, BiCl<sub>3</sub> permet entre autre la création de liaisons C–O. Supporté sur silice, il a notamment été utilisé par Ahmed et Ansari pour l'isomérisation de la chalcone 2'-hydroxy substituée **26** en flavanone correspondante **27** (Schéma 11).<sup>1a, 25</sup>

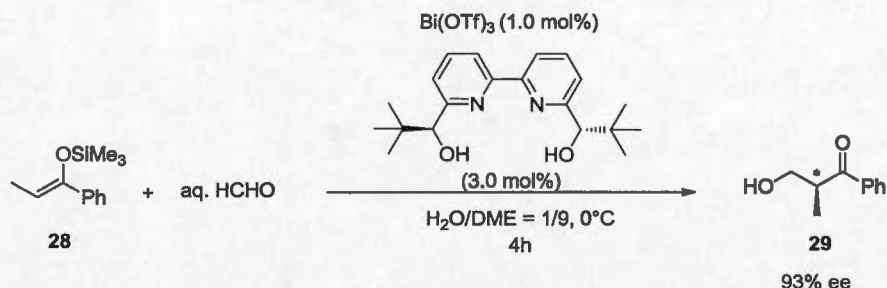


**Schéma 11** : Cyclisation de la chalcone **26** en falvanone **27** impliquant BiCl<sub>3</sub> supporté sur silice

Les flavanones sont généralement obtenues par isomérisation de l'hydroxy chalcone correspondante en conditions acides ou basiques. Cependant, la plupart de ces méthodes procèdent avec de faibles rendements dû à l'équilibre entre ces deux espèces. Or les auteurs de cet article ont réussi à trouver des conditions suffisamment efficaces pour déplacer cet équilibre fragile vers la formation de la flavanone.

#### 0. 2. 1. 8. Utilisation du bismuth en synthèse asymétrique

Les exemples utilisant le bismuth en synthèse asymétrique sont limités. En effet, nous n'avons pu trouver que quelques exemples de ce type dans la littérature. Une hydroxyméthylation asymétrique d'énolates de silicium **28** catalysée par Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> et une bipyridine chirale en solution aqueuse a été développée par Kobayashi en 2005 (Schéma 12).<sup>1a, 26</sup>



**Schéma 12** : Hydroxyméthylation asymétrique d'un énoate de silicium **28** catalysée par  $\text{Bi(OTf)}_3$  et d'un ligand bipyridine chiral

En général, les réactions avec des acides de Lewis chiraux en milieu aqueux sont extrêmement rares car ceux-ci se décomposent très rapidement en présence d'eau. Or, bien qu'il soit connu que  $\text{Bi(OTf)}_3$  s'hydrolyse dans l'eau, dans ce cas-ci, il est stabilisé par le ligand chiral bipyridine basique. Dans ces conditions opératoires, la transformation s'opère avec d'excellents rendements, une très bonne sélectivité et il s'agit de l'une des premières réactions énantiomériquement contrôlées par un catalyseur chiral de bismuth en milieu aqueux.<sup>1a, 27</sup>

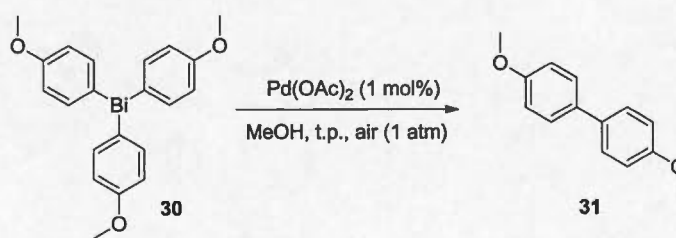
Comme nous l'avons démontré, le bismuth a été grandement utilisé ces quinze dernières années dans de très nombreux domaines de la chimie, notamment dans un rôle de catalyseur de réaction. À présent, nous allons discuter de sa place en tant que composé organométallique dans la chimie organique. Plusieurs exemples cités ci-dessous sont issus d'une revue très complète écrite par Condon dans *Organic Preparations and Procedures International* en 2014.<sup>28a</sup>

#### 0. 2. 2. Utilisation du bismuth en tant que réactif organométallique

##### 0. 2. 2. 1. Formation de liens C–C catalysée au palladium avec $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$

La formation de liaisons C–C par couplage croisé catalysé au palladium est l'une des transformations chimiques les plus importantes en chimie organique pour la

formation de molécules cibles. En effet, son étendue a été démontrée en 2010, lors de la remise du prix Nobel de chimie aux professeurs Ei-ichi Negishi, Richard Heck et Akira Suzuki, pour leur contribution exceptionnelle à la découverte des réactions du même nom. Ces méthodes sont parmi les réactions les plus répandues et les plus efficaces pour la création de nouveaux liens C–C. Les réactions de type Heck, qui permettent la fonctionnalisation de doubles liaisons terminales, ont été décrites pour la première fois en 1973.<sup>28a, 29</sup> Une réaction semblable à la réaction de Heck a été appliquée aux organobismuthanes quelques années plus tard par Kawamura, qui a découvert la fonctionnalisation du oct-1-ène avec l'acrylate d'éthyle et le triphénylbismuth.<sup>28a, 30</sup> Dans le domaine de la chimie du bismuth catalysée au palladium, la formation de molécules symétriques de type biaryles, grâce aux triarylbismuthanes, a été rapportée pour la première fois en 1988 par Barton.<sup>28a, 31</sup> Ce type de réaction s'effectue en présence d'un catalyseur au palladium ce qui permet, contrairement à la catalyse au cuivre, le transfert des trois groupements aryles portés par le bismuth ainsi qu'une économie d'atomes. Un exemple de ce type de méthode de couplage biarylique a été proposé par Uemura (**Schéma 13**).<sup>28a, 32</sup>

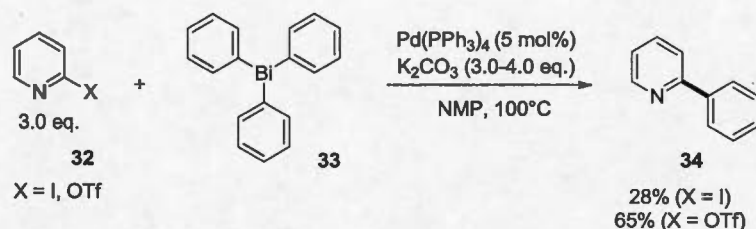


**Schéma 13** : Synthèse du biaryle **31** à partir de *p*-méthoxybismuthane **30** et de  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$

Les réactions de couplage de réactifs de bismuth trivalents peuvent également se faire avec des halogénures ( $\text{X} = \text{Br}$  ou  $\text{I}$ ) ou des triflates d'aryles. En 2001, Rao et Shimada en ont d'ailleurs démontré l'étendue ainsi que les limitations.<sup>28a, 33</sup> Leurs conditions de réaction nécessitent l'utilisation catalytique du  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  et d'un léger excès de

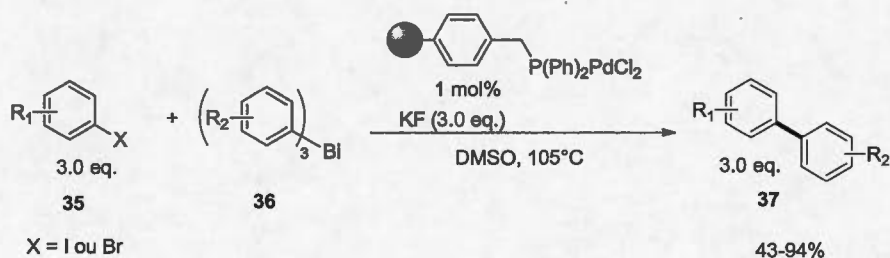


ArX (3.25 eq.) par rapport au  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$  étant donné que les trois groupements aryles sur le bismuth transfèrent. Le couplage sur des hétéroaryles de type pyridine a également été rapporté (Schéma 14).



**Schéma 14** : Arylation d'une 2-halogéno-pyridine **32** catalysée au palladium impliquant  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}$  **33**

La tolérance de cette réaction aux groupements fonctionnels sensibles de type cétone ou aldéhyde a été démontrée par Wang. La spécificité de cette réaction est que le catalyseur de palladium est supporté sur du polystyrène, avantage non négligeable dans un contexte de chimie verte où le recyclage du catalyseur est un point essentiel (Schéma 15).<sup>28a, 34</sup>



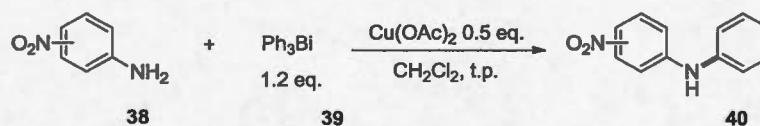
**Schéma 15** : Arylation d'halogénures d'aryles **35** avec des organobismuthanes substitués **36** catalysée par du palladium supporté sur du styrène

#### 0. 2. 2. 2. Formation de liens C–N catalysée au cuivre avec $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$

L'utilisation des  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$ , en tant qu'agents d'arylation dans la formation de liaisons C–N et C–O est connu depuis de nombreuses années, notamment avec les méthodes

de Barton<sup>28b</sup> et Chan<sup>35</sup> que nous aborderons pour situer le contexte. Par la suite, nous passerons en revue les nouveaux développements, apportés à cette chimie depuis 2001.<sup>28a</sup>

Dès 1986, Barton a développé des réactions de *N*-arylation d'amines aliphatiques et aromatiques mettant en jeu un triarylbismuth diacétate,  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}(\text{OAc})_2$ , un réactif de bismuth pentavalent, en présence de cuivre métallique. Il a ensuite étendu cette méthode à l'utilisation de bismuth trivalent avec l'acétate de cuivre, permettant la formation du complexe pentavalent in-situ (**Schéma 16**).<sup>28a, 28b</sup> Bien que dépendante de l'encombrement stérique et de la basicité de l'amine, cette réaction reste une méthode efficace pour la synthèse d'amines secondaires.

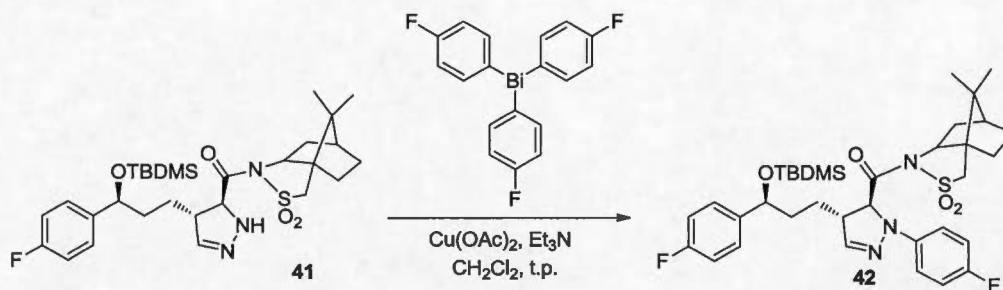


**Schéma 16** : *N*-Arylation d'amines aromatiques **38** catalysée par  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  impliquant  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}$  **39**

Près de dix années plus tard, Chan a amélioré cette méthode par l'introduction d'une amine tertiaire comme la pyridine ou la triéthylamine en tant que catalyseur de réaction, permettant la *N*-alkylation d'une plus large gamme de composés, tels que des amides, imides, urées, carbamates et sulfonamides avec de très bons rendements.<sup>28a, 35</sup>

Ce type de réaction a notamment été appliqué à la synthèse d'une molécule naturelle, un inhibiteur du cholestérol **42**. Cette molécule a pu être préparée par *N*-arylation d'une 2-pyrazoline **41** (**Schéma 17**) catalysée par du  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  avec un triarylbismuthane en tant qu'agent alkylant.<sup>28a, 36</sup>

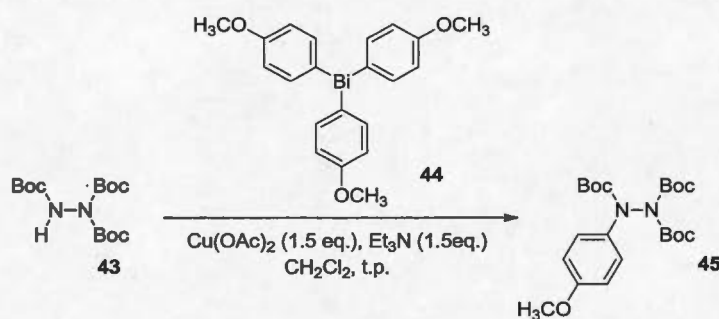




**Schéma 17 :** Synthèse d'un inhibiteur du cholestérol **42** par *N*-arylation d'une pyrazoline **41** impliquant un organobismuthane

Comparativement aux *N*-arylations catalysées au palladium, celles impliquant du cuivre possèdent l'avantage de tolérer des groupements complexes tels que l'imide ci-dessus.

Dans des conditions de réactions très semblables, l'arylation d'hydrazines tri-protégées a été rapportée par Mæorg et Ragnarsson (**Schéma 18**).<sup>28a, 37-39</sup>



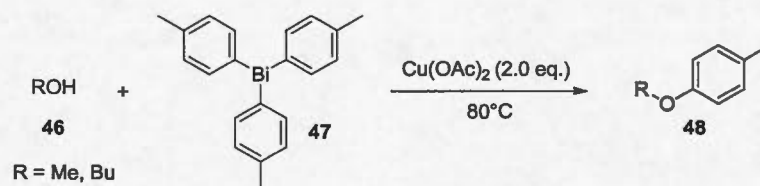
**Schéma 18 :** *N*-Arylation de l'hydrazine **43** catalysée au cuivre impliquant le *p*-méthoxybismuthane **44**

Comme dans le cas de la réaction de Barton, cette transformation est très sensible à l'encombrement stérique, ici notamment du réactif organobismuthane. En effet, la réactivité de quelques *ortho* triarylbismuthanes a été testée avec ces hydrazines et il a

été observé que des conditions opératoires plus poussées sont nécessaires pour obtenir des résultats satisfaisants.

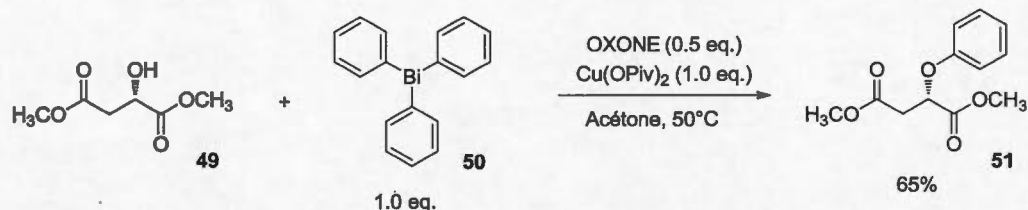
### 0. 2. 2. 3. Formation de liens C–O catalysée au cuivre avec $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$

Les organobismuthanes trivalents ont été utilisés à quelques reprises dans des réactions de *O*-arylation d'alcools et de phénols. Cependant, les réactions de *O*-arylation utilisant des organobismuthanes sont moins nombreuses dans la littérature que les réactions de *N*-arylation. À titre d'exemple, l'arylation d'alcools aliphatiques **38** en présence d'acétate de cuivre a notamment été rapportée par Dononov en 1995 (Schéma 19).<sup>28a, 40</sup>



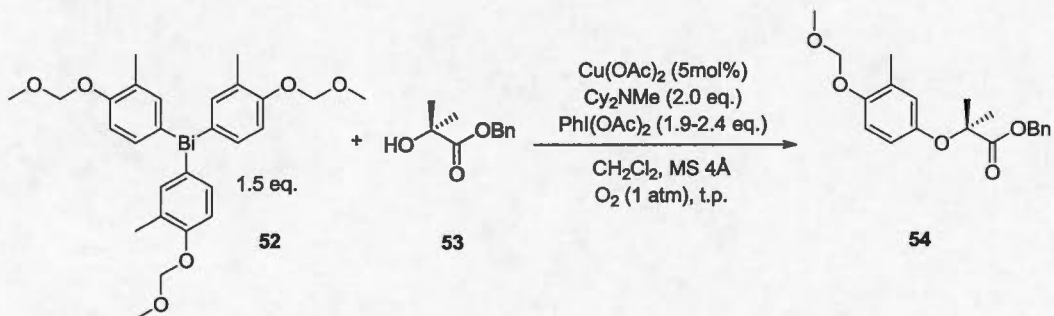
**Schéma 19** : *O*-Arylation d'alcools aliphatiques **46** catalysée au cuivre impliquant le *p*-méthylbismuthane **47**

Dans cette transformation, le triarylbismuthane passe de l'état d'oxydation +3 à l'état d'oxydation +5 grâce à l'acétate de cuivre. D'autres agents d'oxydation tels que diacétate d'iodobenzène,<sup>41</sup> le peroxyde de benzoyle<sup>42</sup> et l'OXONE<sup>®43</sup> sont également connus pour oxyder les réactifs de bismuth trivalents en réactifs pentavalents. De plus, une réaction de transfert d'aryles sur des alcools de type secondaire impliquant des triarylbismuthanes et de l'OXONE<sup>®</sup> a été rapporté par Sheppard (Schéma 20).<sup>28a,</sup>



**Schéma 20** : Réaction de transfert d'aryle sur l'alcool **49** à partir d'organobismuthane en présence d'OXONE<sup>®</sup> et de pivalate de cuivre

Concernant l'arylation d'alcools tertiaires, une méthode impliquant l'utilisation d'iodobenzène diacétate en tant qu'agent oxydant du réactif de bismuth a été découverte par Sato (**Schéma 21**).<sup>28a, 44</sup> Dans cette réaction, une quantité catalytique de cuivre est nécessaire, tout comme la présence d'oxygène afin de ré-oxyder le catalyseur. Un milieu anhydre permet aussi d'obtenir des rendements optimaux. Dans le cas de ces alcools tertiaires aliphatiques et dans de nombreux exemples dans la formation de liens C–O catalysée au cuivre, l'encombrement stérique en position *ortho* sur l'aryle à transférer est le point faible de cette transformation.



**Schéma 21** : Arylation de l'alcool tertiaire **53** catalysée au cuivre impliquant un réactif de bismuth **52**

Le développement de nouvelles réactions chimiques avec de nouveaux métaux moins toxiques tels que le bismuth est un défi innovant à relever à l'ère du respect envers l'environnement. Les organobismuthanes présentent de nombreux avantages en plus

de leur non-toxicité. En effet, leur faible coût ainsi que leur grande tolérance à la plupart des groupements fonctionnels sensibles en font des réactifs de choix.

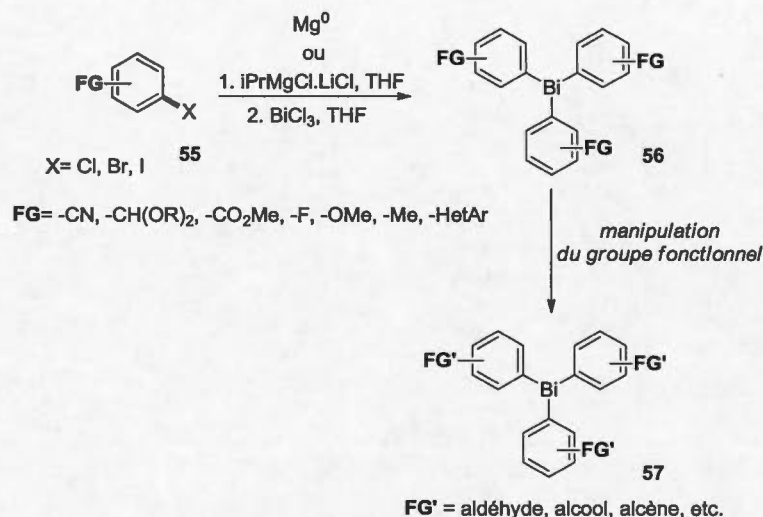
### 0. 2. 3. Le bismuth et les autres métaux

Tout comme les autres métaux, le bismuth est un élément important dans les couplages organométalliques. En effet, les organomagnésiens et les organozincs sont des espèces très sensibles à l'air et à l'eau, ce qui nécessite de nombreuses précautions pour leurs utilisations. En ce qui concerne les organomercuriques et les organoétains, ils sont de moins en moins utilisés en raison de leur grande toxicité. De nos jours, les couplages organométalliques impliquant les acides boroniques représentent la part la plus importante des réactions de couplage au palladium. Effectivement, leur tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels, leur stabilité ainsi que leur coût modéré en font des réactifs de choix. Cependant, la nécessité d'optimisation des conditions de réaction peut être inconfortable. Une alternative relativement récente aux acides boroniques sont les organoindiums. Ces composés possèdent de nombreux atouts comme une très bonne stabilité, une facilité de mise en œuvre des réactions et une bonne tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels. Toutefois, leur coût relativement élevé restreint leur utilisation. Finalement, les organobismuthanes se placent en tant qu'organométalliques de prédilection au vu de leur très grande stabilité à l'air et à l'eau, leur faible coût, leur bonne tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels et leur facilité d'utilisation.<sup>45</sup>

### 0. 3. Synthèse et modification des organobismuthanes

La synthèse et la modification de réactifs organobismuthanes est l'une des majeures parties de cette thèse. En effet, contrairement à d'autres métaux comme le magnésium, il est possible de fonctionnaliser ces composés avec des groupements réactifs tels que des aldéhydes, des alcools, des esters, etc. Cette famille de composés organométalliques peut par la suite être utilisée dans différentes réactions de couplage

au palladium ou au cuivre pour permettre la création de liens C–C, C–N et C–O (Schéma 22).



**Schéma 22** : Synthèse et modification de réactifs organobismuthanes

Les réactifs de bismuth sont facilement synthétisés à partir des organomagnésiens correspondants par addition sur le chlorure de bismuth. Selon la nature du groupement fonctionnel porté par l'halogénure d'aryle de départ, il n'est pas toujours possible de préparer le magnésien par la méthode classique, c'est-à-dire avec le magnésium métallique chauffé au reflux du THF. Lorsqu'un groupement fonctionnel sensible est présent tel qu'un groupement nitrile ou ester, on utilise alors la méthode de Knochel<sup>46</sup> basée sur le complexe de chlorure d'isopropyle magnésium et chlorure de lithium qui permet un échange métal-halogène entre l'alkyle magnésium et l'halogénure d'aryle. Une fois le magnésien préparé, celui-ci effectue une réaction de transmétallation sur le chlorure de bismuth pour fournir le réactif de bismuth correspondant qui peut alors être utilisé directement dans des réactions de couplage subséquentes. Alternativement, ce composé peut être modifié afin d'obtenir d'autres types de réactifs organométalliques élaborés comportant des groupements fonctionnels difficilement accessibles par des méthodes classiques. Pour explorer le

potentiel des organobismuthanes dans le transfert de groupements fonctionnels hautement fonctionnalisés, nous avons préparé des réactifs "classiques" soit par la méthode de Grignard soit par celle de Knochel (Schéma 23).

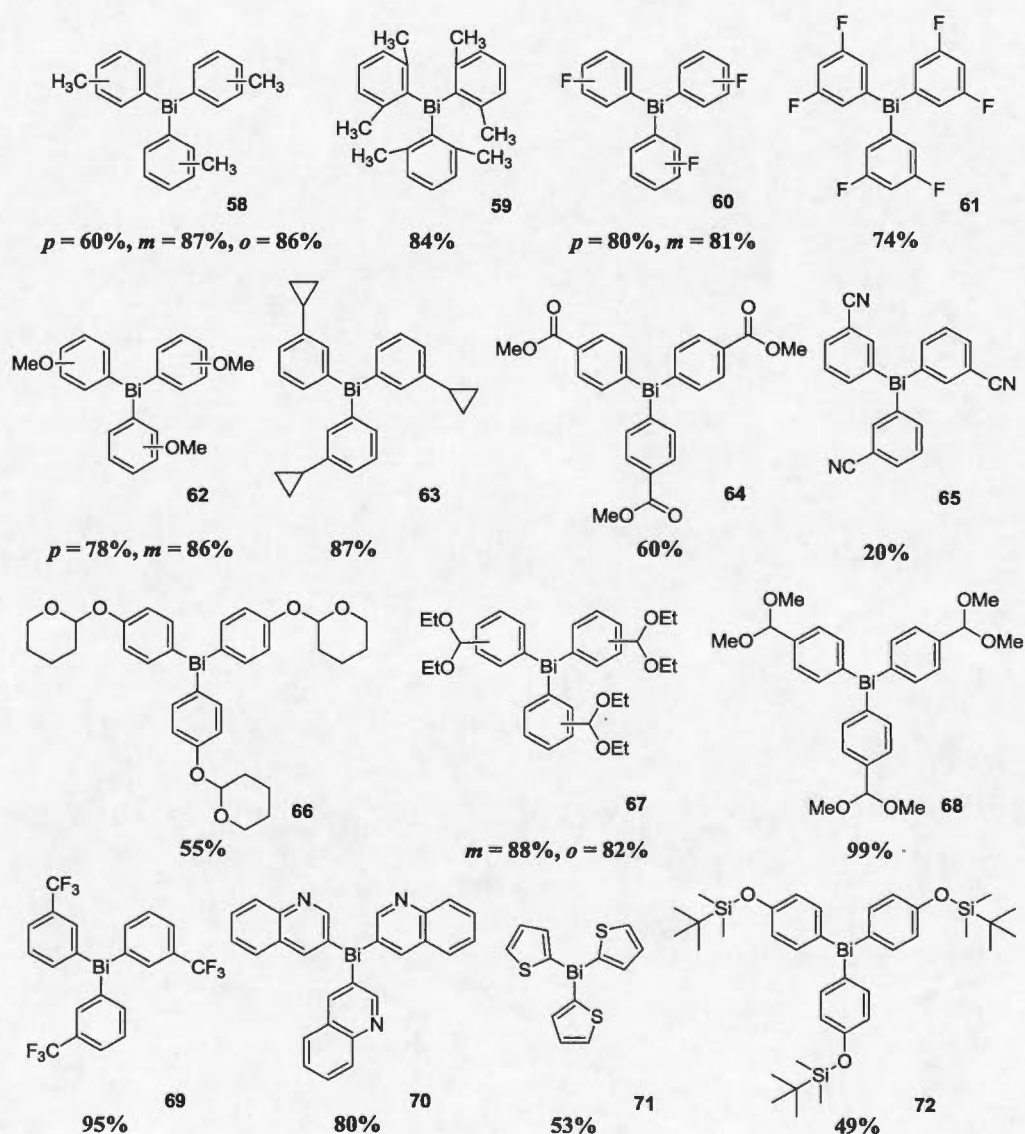
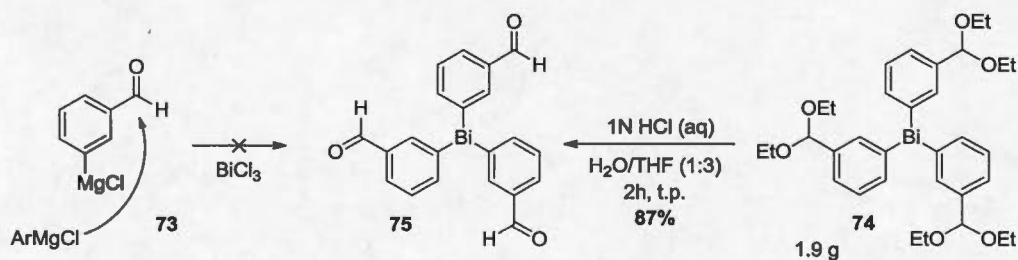


Schéma 23 : Synthèse des triarylbismuthanes "classiques"



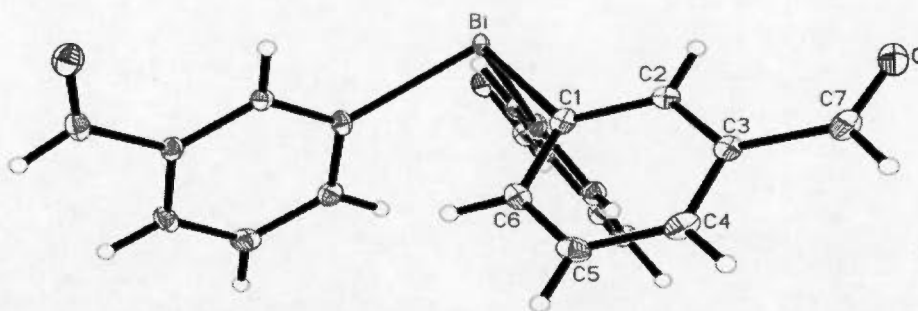
De nombreux composés portant des groupements neutres, attracteurs et donneurs d'électrons, des groupements plus sensibles comme un ester et un nitrile, deux types d'acétals, des hétérocycles, un éther de silyle, etc., ont pu être synthétisés. Après la synthèse des organobismuthanes par voie classique, nous avons pu réaliser la préparation de réactifs hautement fonctionnalisées. Étant donné l'impossibilité de synthétiser ces composés par la méthode de Grignard, nous avons envisagé la manipulation de groupements fonctionnels directement sur le métal (**Schéma 24**).



**Schéma 24** : Préparation du *tris*-formylphénylbismuth **75** par manipulation du groupement fonctionnel acétal

L'acétal **74** a été placé en solution aqueuse et acide, et le composé **75** portant un aldéhyde a été obtenu dans un rendement de 87% à l'échelle du gramme. Il est important de rappeler que puisque le bismuth est un métal, les organobismuthanes font donc partie de la classe des composés organométalliques, c'est-à-dire des composés comportant une liaison carbone-métal. Il est assez rare qu'un composé organométallique supporte de telles conditions de réaction car en général, l'hydrolyse du lien carbone-métal est observée.<sup>47</sup> L'obtention du *tris*-formylphénylbismuth **75** a été confirmée par RMN, HRMS, IR mais également par diffraction des rayons X (**Schéma 25**) afin de démontrer la présence des trois groupements aromatiques sur le bismuth ainsi que l'arrangement dans l'espace de ces derniers.

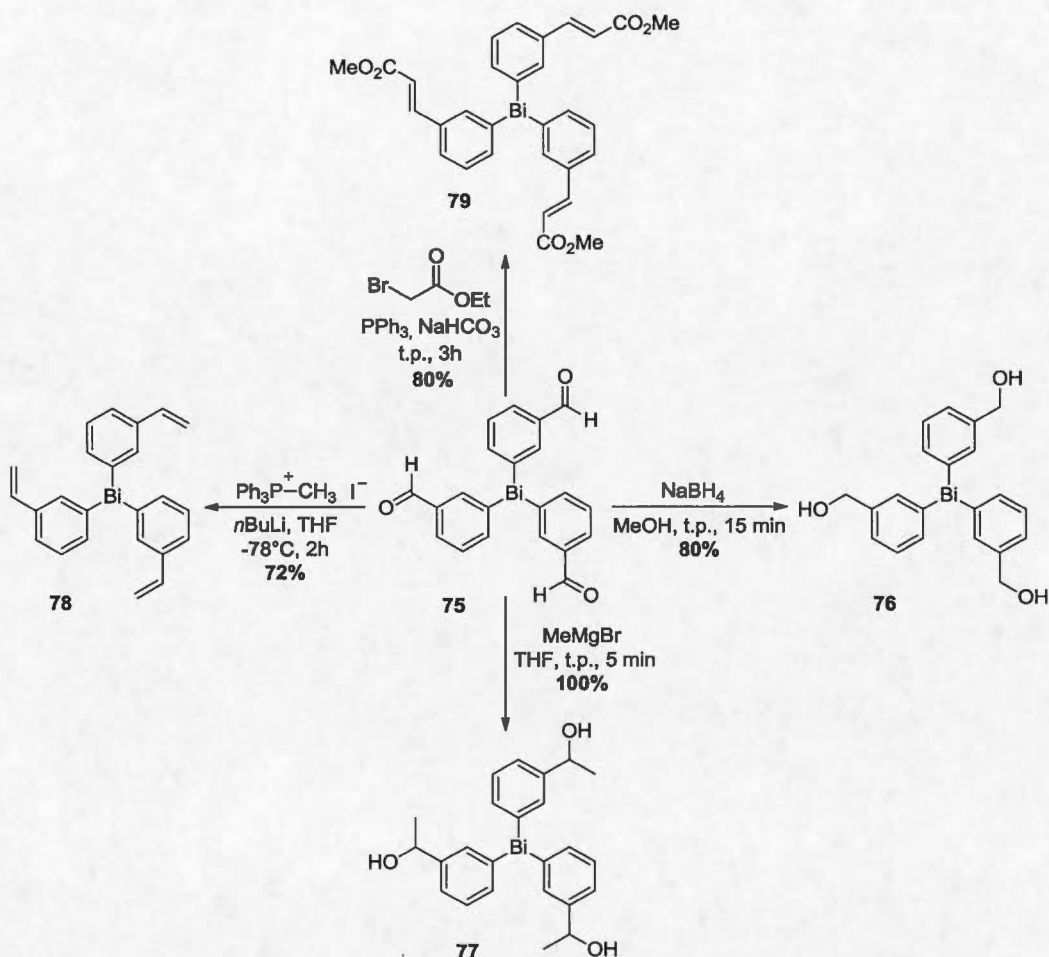




**Schéma 25** : Structure ORTEP du *tris*-formylphénylbismuth **75**

La recristallisation de **75** et la diffraction des rayons X ont révélé que le composé est de structure pyramidale, que l'angle C–Bi–C est de  $92.02^\circ$  et que les longueurs de liaison C–Bi sont de 2.266 Å. La structure montre clairement la présence des trois groupes aryles portant chacun un groupement formyle. Cette conformation particulière des trois aromatiques est possiblement dû à la présence du doublet libre du bismuth qui, par répulsion électronique, contraint les cycles à ce positionnement particulier. Toutefois, des études computationnelles sont requises afin de comprendre l'origine de cette géométrie particulière.

Par la suite, d'autres modifications de groupements fonctionnels ont été effectuées. Premièrement à partir du *tris*-formylphénylbismuth **75**, une réaction d'addition de Grignard, de réduction au  $\text{NaBH}_4$  et des réactions de type Wittig et Horner-Emmons-Wadsworth ont été réalisées (**Schéma 26**).

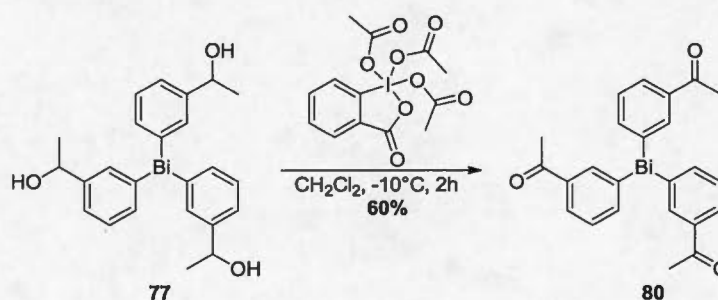


**Schéma 26** : Fonctionnalisation du *tris*-formylphénylbismuth **75**

Tout d'abord, le *tris*-formylphénylbismuth **75** a été soumis à des conditions réductrices, permettant l'obtention du composé **76** portant un alcool primaire dans un rendement de 80%. Dans une réaction d'addition de bromure de méthyle magnésium sur l'aldéhyde **75**, l'alcool secondaire **77** a été formé de façon quantitative. Par la suite, une réaction de Wittig a été faite en présence de *n*-BuLi comme base et malgré la forte réactivité de ce composé, le vinyle terminal désiré **78** a été obtenu dans un bon rendement. Finalement, dans les conditions de Horner-Emmons-Wadsworth en

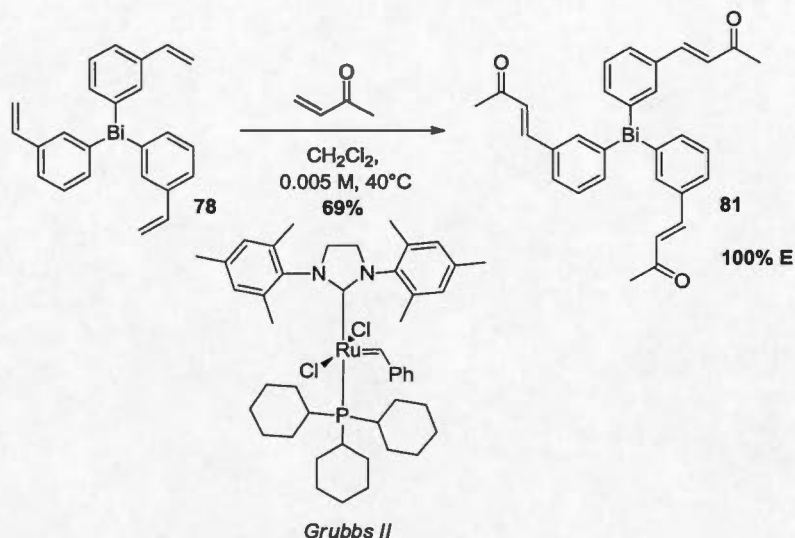
présence de triphénylphosphine, un ester  $\alpha,\beta$ -insaturé **79** de géométrie *E* a été préparé à partir du composé **75** avec un rendement de 80%.

D'autres types de modifications ont par la suite été réalisées, notamment à partir de l'alcool secondaire **77** (Schéma 27). La réaction d'oxydation de Dess-Martin sur l'alcool secondaire **77** a conduit à la méthyle cétone **80** avec un rendement de 60%. Le risque majeur de cette réaction était la possibilité d'oxyder le bismuth car en effet, il a été démontré par Finet<sup>35</sup> que ce métal peut s'oxyder en présence d'oxydant iodé hypervalent. Or, dans ce cas-ci le produit désiré **80** a été observé dans un excellent rendement.



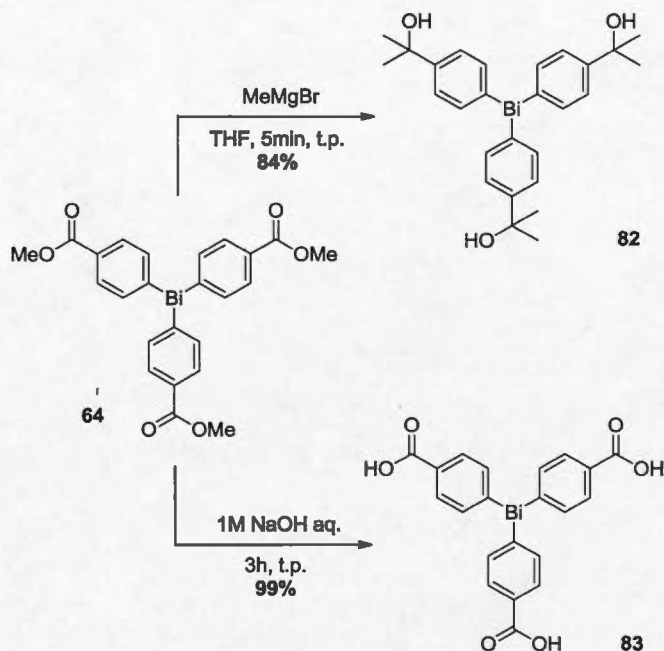
**Schéma 27** : Synthèse du *tris*-méthylcétonephénylbismuth **80** à partir d'une réaction d'oxydation de Dess-Martin.

Par la suite, une réaction de métathèse croisée a été réalisée entre le vinyle terminal **78** et la méthyle vinyle cétone en utilisant le catalyseur de Grubbs II pour générer la cétone **81** correspondante avec un rendement de 69% (Schéma 28). La concentration du solvant est un point essentiel pour le succès de cette réaction. En effet, en solution plus concentrée, la réaction s'opère avec un rendement de seulement 20%.



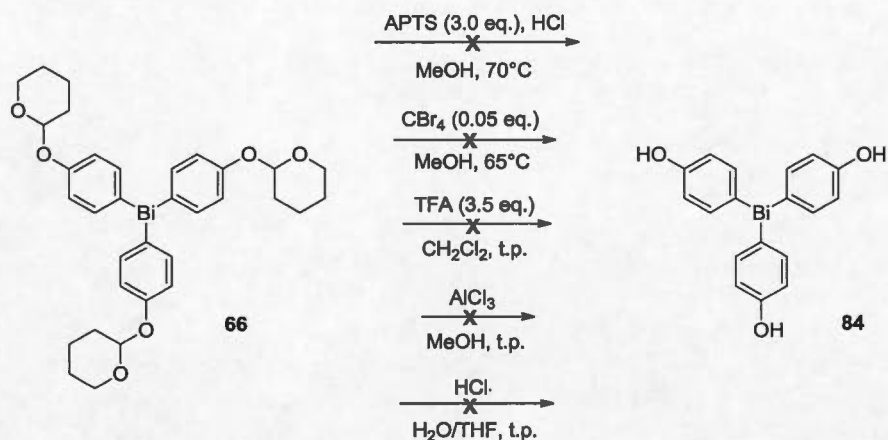
**Schéma 28** : Synthèse du complexe **81** par réaction de métathèse croisée

Finalement, nous avons apporté deux dernières modifications à l'organobismuthane **64** portant un ester en position *para* (**Schéma 29**). Tout d'abord, une addition de méthyle Grignard mène à la formation du réactif **82** portant un alcool tertiaire. En milieu basique, l'ester méthylique **64** subit doucement une hydrolyse, ce qui permet d'obtenir l'acide carboxylique **83** sans dégradation de l'organométallique.



**Schéma 29** : Fonctionnalisation du *tris*-(4-carbométhoxyphényl)bismuth **64**

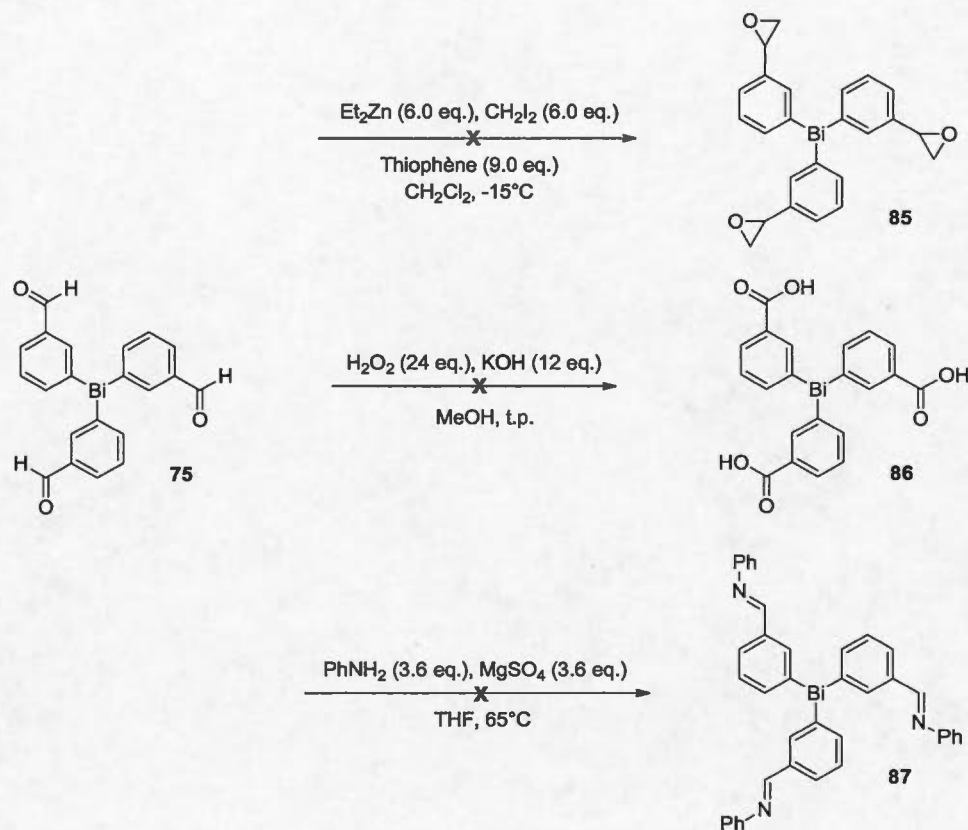
La manipulation de groupements fonctionnels directement sur le bismuth n'a pas toujours été couronnée de succès durant nos études. En effet, de nombreuses modifications de groupements fonctionnels ou de synthèse d'organobismuthanes n'ont pas abouti au produit attendu. Tout d'abord, nous souhaitions déprotéger notre acétal tétrahydropyrane **66** en utilisant des conditions acides aqueuses (**Schéma 30**). Basé sur la réaction de déprotection de l'acétal **66**, nous avons de bonnes raisons de croire que cette réaction s'effectuerait sans problème. Toutefois, cette déprotection s'est avérée être plus difficile que prévu.



**Schéma 30** : Essais de déprotections de l'acétal tétrahydropyrane **66**

Ainsi de nombreuses conditions opératoires ont été testées notamment avec  $\text{AlCl}_3$  comme acide de Lewis, différents types d'acides comme  $\text{HCl}$ , APTS ou encore TFA et même une méthode de déprotection avec  $\text{CBr}_4$  a été essayée. Ces conditions opératoires ont donné principalement le produit de départ ou des produits de dégradation.

Également, d'autres types de réaction ont été tentés à partir de notre réactif **75** portant un aldéhyde (**Schéma 31**).



**Schéma 31** : Essais de diverses réactions de manipulation du groupement aldéhyde sur le réactif organobismuthane **75**

Premièrement sur l'organobismuthane portant un aldéhyde, nous avons essayé de former un époxyde avec  $\text{Et}_2\text{Zn}$  et  $\text{CH}_2\text{I}_2$  comme réactifs et ce, avec différents temps, températures et solvants mais le produit désiré n'a jamais été formé. De plus, une oxydation de cet aldéhyde **75** a été tentée en présence de  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  et  $\text{KOH}$  pour former l'acide carboxylique **86** correspondant, mais une nouvelle fois la réaction n'a pas fonctionné. Finalement, la dernière modification effectuée sur ce réactif organométallique **75** a été la formation d'une imine **87** en présence d'aniline. Dans ce cas-ci, uniquement de la dégradation a été observée.



Malgré quelques essais infructueux dans la fonctionnalisation de nos réactifs de bismuth, nous avons réussi à développer une large famille d'organobismuthanes hautement fonctionnalisés.

Contrairement à d'autres métaux comme le magnésium, il est possible de fonctionnaliser ces organobismuthanes avec des groupements réactifs tels que des aldéhydes, des alcools, des esters, etc. La préparation de ces composés organométalliques hautement fonctionnalisés a permis de tester leur intérêt dans un bon nombre de méthodologies de synthèse. La transférabilité, la diversité et la tolérance des groupements fonctionnels ont été étudiées.

#### 0. 4. Formation de liens C–C par catalyse au palladium

Les réactions de couplage au palladium permettent la formation de liens C–C de manière contrôlée. De plus, elles peuvent être appliquées à la préparation de molécules complexes. Les catalyseurs de palladium démontrent une bonne tolérance à une large gamme de fonctionnalités. Les réactions de couplage de liens C–C les plus connues sont celles de Suzuki,<sup>48a</sup> Negishi,<sup>48b</sup> Stille<sup>48c</sup> et Kumada-Corriu<sup>48d</sup> qui emploient respectivement des réactifs de bore, de zinc, d'étain et de magnésium.

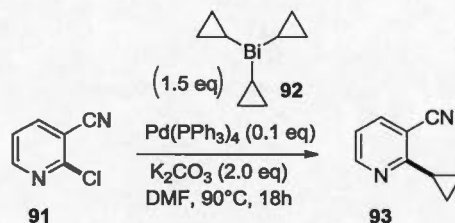
Pour ces premières études de couplage au palladium impliquant des organobismuthanes, nous avons sélectionné des 2-halo et 2-triflyl azines et diazines comme électrophiles. Ces espèces sont omniprésentes dans l'industrie pharmaceutique. En effet, les composés contenant ces hétérocycles azotés ont révélé des activités anti-microbiennes, anti-virales, anti-oxydantes et anti-tumorales.<sup>49</sup> Par conséquent, l'accès à des méthodes efficaces et générales qui permettent leur préparation est d'une importance capitale.<sup>50</sup>

Le couplage d'alkyles  $sp^3$  sur ce type d'hétérocycles portant un halogène en position 2 est une méthode intéressante pour accéder aux dérivés alkylés correspondants.<sup>51</sup> Cependant, ce type de réaction est difficile et seulement quelques exemples isolés, avec des acides boroniques,<sup>52</sup> organozincs,<sup>53</sup> organomagnésiens<sup>54</sup> et organoétains<sup>55</sup> ont été rapportés. En effet, ces exemples souffrent d'un manque d'étendue de leur méthode, d'une faible tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels, nécessitent des conditions anhydres ou encore utilisent des catalyseurs onéreux pour palier l'élimination d'hydrures  $\beta$  (Schéma 32).



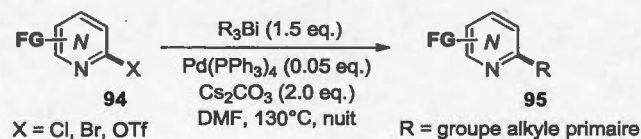
Schéma 32 : Élimination d'hydrures  $\beta$

Le premier couplage impliquant un trialkylbismuthane (Schéma 33) a été décrit en 2008 par Gagnon.<sup>56</sup> Dans cet exemple, un motif cyclopropyle a ainsi été greffé sur la 2-chloropyridine **91** par l'usage du tricyclopropylbismuth **92**. Le produit de couplage **93** a été obtenu avec un rendement de 65% en présence de tetrakis(triphénylphosphine)palladium comme catalyseur. Les conditions sont simples et ne requièrent aucun ligand ou additif complexe ou coûteux. Cependant, tout le potentiel de cette méthode n'a pas été établi dans cet article. En effet, les réactions d'alkylation ont été réalisées uniquement sur des pyridines, la tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels n'a pas été clairement démontrée et enfin, seulement le chlore a été utilisé en tant qu'halogène.



**Schéma 33** : Réaction de couplage entre la 2-chloropyridine **91** et le tricyclopropylbismuth **92**

Au vu de la littérature, il n'existait pas de méthodes générales d'alkylation de 2-halo pyridines, pyrimidines, pyridazines et pyrazines. Par conséquent, nous avons pensé qu'il était opportun de développer une méthode efficace pour cette réaction de couplage (Schéma 34). Ce projet est issu d'un article, présenté au chapitre 1 et en annexes A et B.

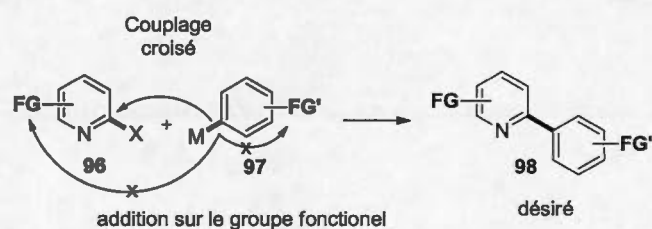


**Schéma 34** : Synthèse de 2-alkylazines et diazines **95** par réaction de couplage avec des trialkylbismuthanes

Des conditions opératoires ont été développées de manière à ce qu'elles soient les plus simples possibles. En effet, cette méthode nécessite 5 mol% de  $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$ , qui est un catalyseur commercialement disponible, et 2.0 équivalents de  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  en tant que base. Aucuns catalyseurs ou ligands spéciaux n'ont été utilisés pour éviter l'élimination d'hydrures  $\beta$ . Dans notre méthode, 11 exemples ont été réalisés à partir de pyridines, pyrimidines, pyridazines et pyrazines avec des rendements allant jusqu'à 86%. Également, une bonne variété d'halogènes et de pseudo-halogènes sur l'électrophile **94** a été testée tel que chlore, brome et triflate. Finalement, la tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels a été démontrée, avec notamment des groupements de

type méthyle cétone, nitrile ou amine par exemple. Les résultats reliés à ce projet sont présentés en annexes A et B.

De plus, nous avons couplé des réactifs de type triarylbismuthane sur les 2-halo et 2-triflyl azines et diazines (**Schéma 35**) afin de mettre au point une approche d'intérêt pour l'accès aux hétérocycles arylés correspondants **98** en position 2. Ce projet est issu d'un article, présenté au chapitre 2 et en annexes C et D.

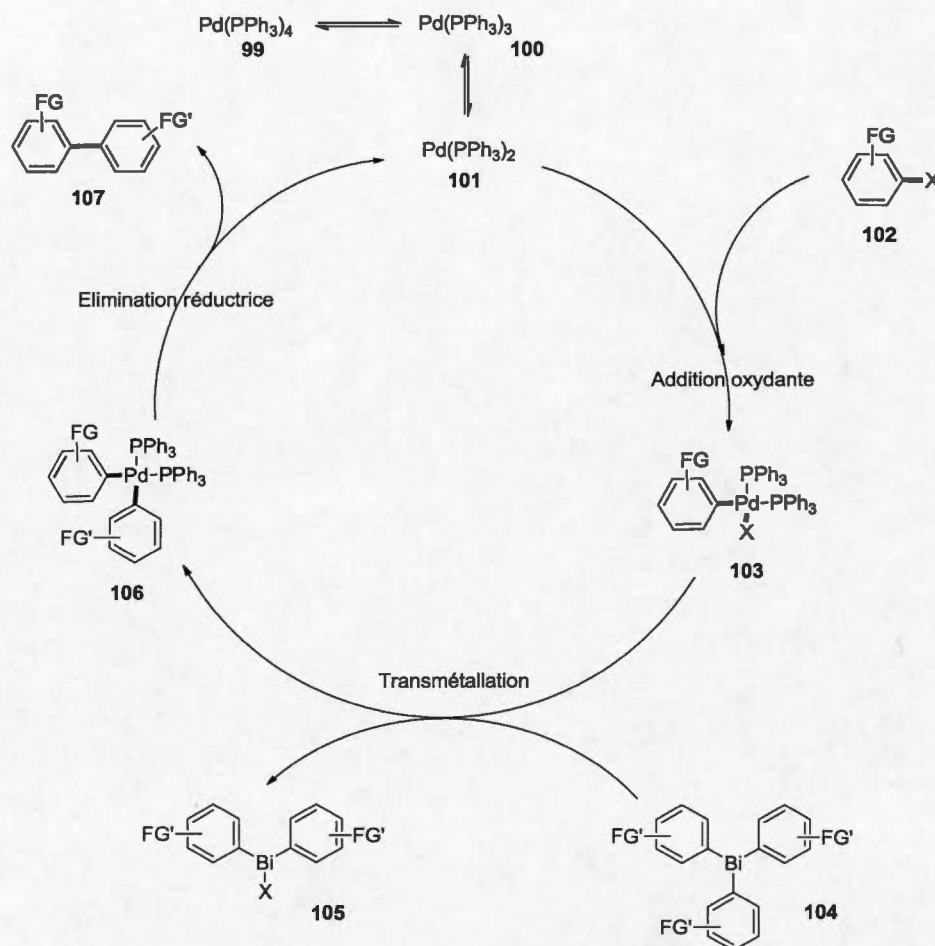


**Schéma 35** : Réaction de couplage chimiosélective entre un organométallique **97** portant un groupement fonctionnel et une 2-halopyridine **96**

Quelques exemples de réactions de couplage sur des 2-haloazines et diazines ont été rapportés dans la littérature.<sup>57, 58</sup> Cependant, la plupart de ces méthodes démontrent une faible étendue, requièrent des réactifs sensibles à l'air et l'humidité ou encore des catalyseurs complexes. De plus, une tolérance limitée aux groupements fonctionnels est souvent observée, en particulier dans le cas de composés organométalliques sensibles tels que les organomagnésiens.<sup>59</sup> Bien que les organoétains soient plus tolérants vis-à-vis des groupements acides et électrophiles, leur grande toxicité combinée au fait qu'un seul aryle ne transfère, les rendent bien moins attrayants.<sup>60</sup> Le couplage des 2-haloazines et diazines avec des organozincs offre une bonne alternative pour la tolérance des groupements fonctionnels.<sup>61</sup> Cependant, leurs conditions de manipulation pourraient être problématique en cas d'application en chimie parallèle étant donné leur sensibilité à l'air et à l'humidité. De nos jours, les méthodes de Knochel<sup>62, 63</sup> et de Quéguiner<sup>64</sup> restent les méthodes les plus générales pour coupler des arylmétaux sur des 2-haloazines et diazines. Étant donné que ces

procédures utilisent des organomagnésiens, les groupements sensibles de type aldéhydes et cétones ne sont pas tolérés dans ces méthodes.

Après la découverte des réactions de couplage au palladium avec le triphénylbismuth par Barton et Finet en 1988,<sup>65</sup> d'autres groupes comme ceux de Rao,<sup>66</sup> Tanaka<sup>67</sup> et autres<sup>68</sup> ont développé ces réactions avec d'autres organobismuthanes. Cependant, le plein potentiel des triarylbismuthanes dans le transfert de groupements fonctionnels dans le couplage de 2-haloazines et diazines, n'a jamais été exploité. Dans le **Schéma 36**, le mécanisme d'action des organobismuthanes en réaction de couplage au palladium est présenté.



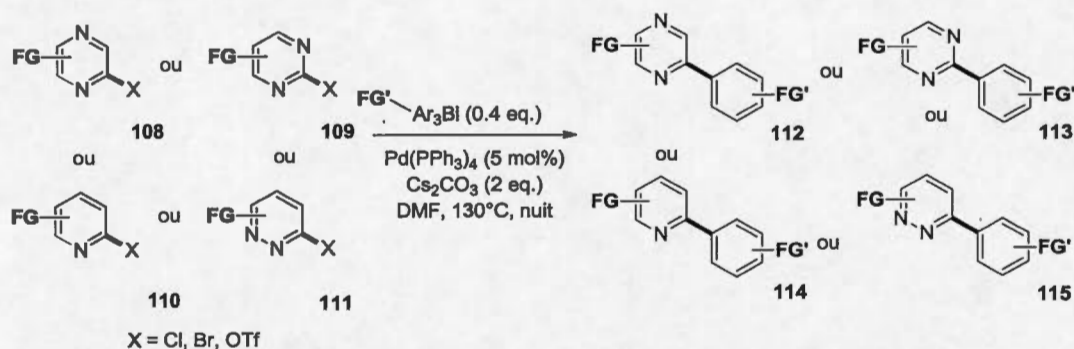
**Schéma 36** : Cycle catalytique d'une réaction de couplage au palladium impliquant des organobismuthanes **104**

Les réactions de couplage au palladium sont caractérisées par 4 étapes caractéristiques. Le cycle catalytique débute par la formation de l'espèce réactive,  $\text{Pd}(0)\text{L}_2$ , qui provient de la perte de ligands de l'espèce stable de  $\text{Pd}(0)$  ou  $\text{Pd}(\text{II})$ . L'addition oxydante correspond à la réaction entre l'espèce  $\text{Pd}(0)\text{L}_2$  et le réactif  $\text{R}_1\text{X}$  afin de former l'espèce organopalladée  $\text{R}_1\text{Pd}(\text{II})\text{X}$ . Le réactif organométallique intervient dans l'étape de transmétaallation afin de transformer l'espèce



organopalladée. L'étape finale consiste en la formation du produit de la réaction par élimination réductrice et en la régénération du palladium (0).

Après avoir établi la méthode pour le couplage des 2-haloazines et diazines avec des trialkylbismuthanes, nous avons repris et optimisé les conditions opératoires au couplage avec les triarylbismuthanes, c'est-à-dire avec 5 mol% de  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  et 2.0 équivalents de  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  en tant que base (**Schéma 37**).



**Schéma 37** : Couplage de triarylbismuthanes fonctionnalisés sur des 2-halo et 2-(triflyl)azines et diazines

De très nombreux exemples rapportés dans notre article ont démontré la diversité et la tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels de cette méthode. En effet, des groupements très sensibles comme des esters, aldéhydes, méthyle cétones ou encore alcools secondaires ont été testés et aucunes réactions secondaires n'ont été observées. Les résultats reliés à ce projet sont présentés en annexes C et D.

### 0. 5. Catalyse au cuivre

Les réactions de couplage au cuivre permettant la formation de liens C-C, C-N et C-O sont une longue histoire en chimie organique et ont été utilisées dans de nombreux procédés industriels.<sup>69</sup> Cependant, une limitation clé de ces méthodes est la nécessité de conditions opératoires difficiles (températures élevées et solvants



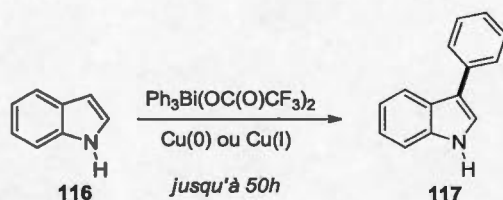
polaires) ainsi que l'utilisation de quantités stœchiométriques de catalyseur. Après d'importantes contributions antérieures,<sup>70</sup> une amélioration majeure est apparue en 2001 lorsque Buchwald a démontré que les ligands diamines permettent le couplage des halogénures d'aryles et d'amines, réaction connue sous le nom d'arylation de Goldberg, dans des conditions douces avec l'utilisation d'une base faible, d'un solvant non polaire, de température ambiante ainsi qu'une quantité catalytique de cuivre.<sup>71</sup> Ces nouvelles conditions opératoires ont considérablement augmenté l'utilisation des réactions de couplage au cuivre.<sup>72</sup> Ces méthodes sont robustes, utilisent des ligands simples et tolèrent une pléthore de groupements fonctionnels, ce qui les rendent extrêmement intéressantes pour la création de molécules à l'architecture complexe.

#### 0. 5. 1. Formation de liens C–N

Après avoir développé des méthodes de formation de liens C–C par catalyse au palladium, la formation de liens C–N s'est imposée. En effet, nous avons rapporté la *N*-arylation d'indoles, d'indazoles, de pyrroles et de pyrazoles avec des organobismuthanes hautement fonctionnalisés. Ce projet est issu d'un article, présenté au chapitre 3 et en annexes E et F. Les azoles et diazoles sont des unités fréquemment utilisées en chimie médicinale pour projeter des pharmacophores clés le long de différents vecteurs à l'intérieur de la poche de liaison de la cible biologique.<sup>73, 74</sup> La *N*-arylation de ces composés azotés permet d'étudier de nouvelles interactions autour de l'inhibiteur<sup>75</sup> et de modifier ses propriétés biophysiques.<sup>76</sup> Également, les *N*-arylazoles et diazoles ont trouvé des applications dans la chimie des matériaux et des polymères.<sup>77</sup> En général, ces composés sont préparés via une *N*-arylation<sup>78</sup> par catalyse de métaux d'un N–H hétéroarène avec des halogénures d'aryles,<sup>79</sup> des acides boroniques<sup>80</sup> ou des réactifs de plomb.<sup>81</sup> Cependant, la toxicité des réactifs de plomb et les limitations des autres méthodes, comme de longs temps de réaction, des quantités super-stœchiométriques de catalyseur ou encore l'utilisation de ligands onéreux, restreignent ces méthodologies. De ce fait, le développement de nouvelles

approches qui permettent la synthèse d'arylazes et diazoles fonctionnalisées sont souhaitables.

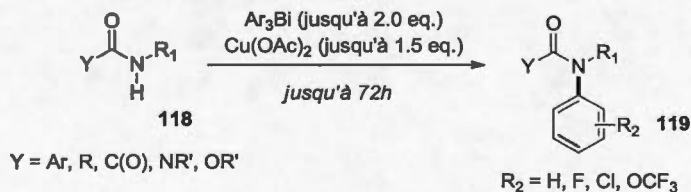
En 1988, Barton et Finet ont rapporté l'utilisation du triphénylbismuth-*bis*-trifluoroacétate dans l'arylation de l'indole **116** (Schéma 38).<sup>82</sup>



**Schéma 38** : Arylation de l'indole **116** par la méthode de Barton et Finet avec du bismuth pentavalent

Cette méthode a été uniquement appliquée au transfert de groupements phényles non substitués et requiert l'utilisation de complexes de bismuth pentavalents, moins stables que leurs homologues trivalents. De plus dans la majorité des cas, l'arylation en position C3 a été observée, excepté lorsque cette position est bloquée par un groupe alkyle ou lorsqu'un ester est présent en position C2 de l'indole.

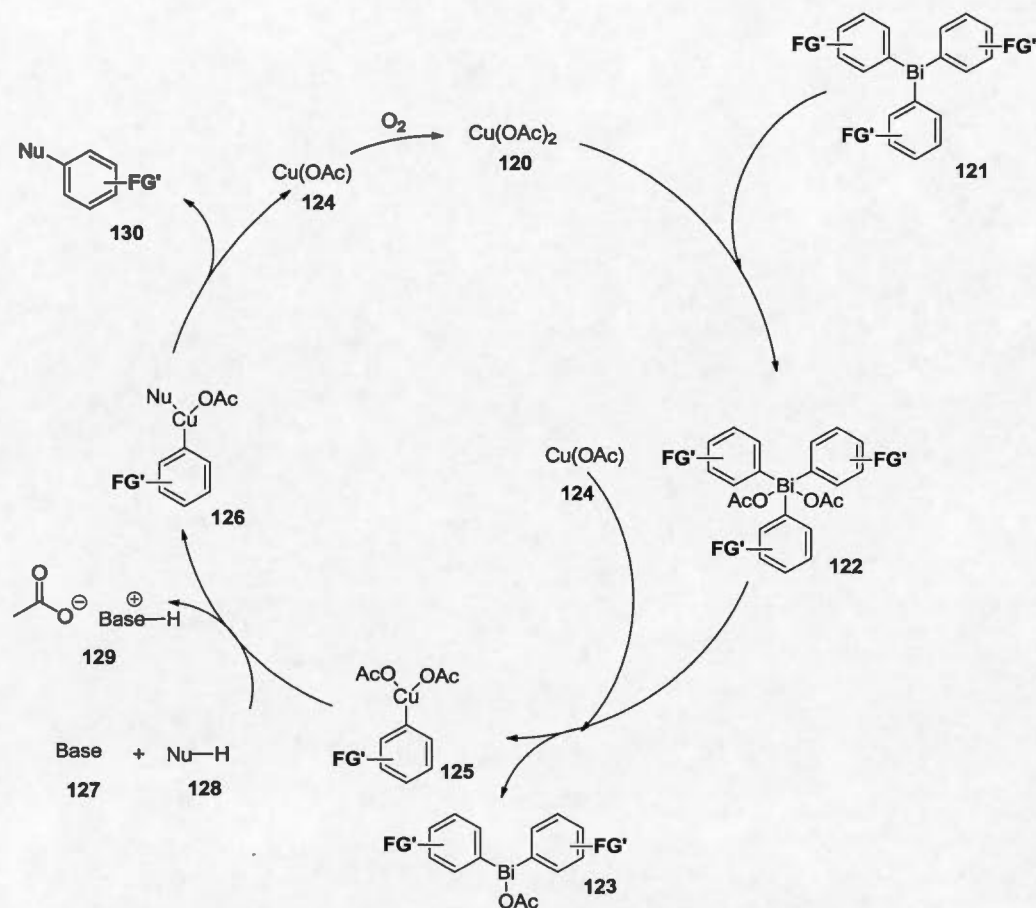
En 1996, Chan a publié une variation de protocole de l'article de Barton et Finet,<sup>83</sup> en utilisant des organobismuthanes de type trivalent pour la *N*-arylation de composés azotés (Schéma 39).<sup>84</sup>



**Schéma 39** : Arylation du composé **118** par la méthode de Chan avec du bismuth trivalent

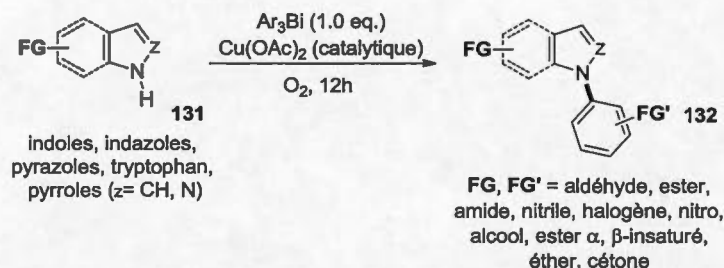
Malgré l'utilité des méthodes de Barton et Chan, quelques limitations peuvent être soulevées. En effet, la quantité d'organobismuthane et de catalyseur nécessaires sont super-stœchiométriques et le temps de réaction peut aller jusqu'à 72h. De plus, cette approche n'a pas été appliquée aux indoles, indazoles, pyrazoles ou pyrroles, mais plutôt à des composés possédant un atome d'azote connecté à une fonction carbonyle. Finalement, la tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels n'a pas été démontrée car seulement des organobismuthanes classiques ont été couplés sur des substrats non fonctionnalisés.

Dans le **Schéma 40**, le mécanisme d'action des organobismuthanes en réaction de couplage au cuivre est présenté.



**Schéma 40** : Cycle catalytique d'une réaction de couplage catalysée au cuivre impliquant des organobismuthanes **121**

La première méthode de *N*-arylation d'azoles et de diazoles **131** utilisant des organobismuthanes hautement fonctionnalisés et une quantité catalytique d'acétate de cuivre a été rapportée par notre groupe (**Schéma 41**). La présence d'oxygène dans la réaction permet de maintenir un taux catalytique en acétate de cuivre, possiblement en régénérant le catalyseur durant la réaction.



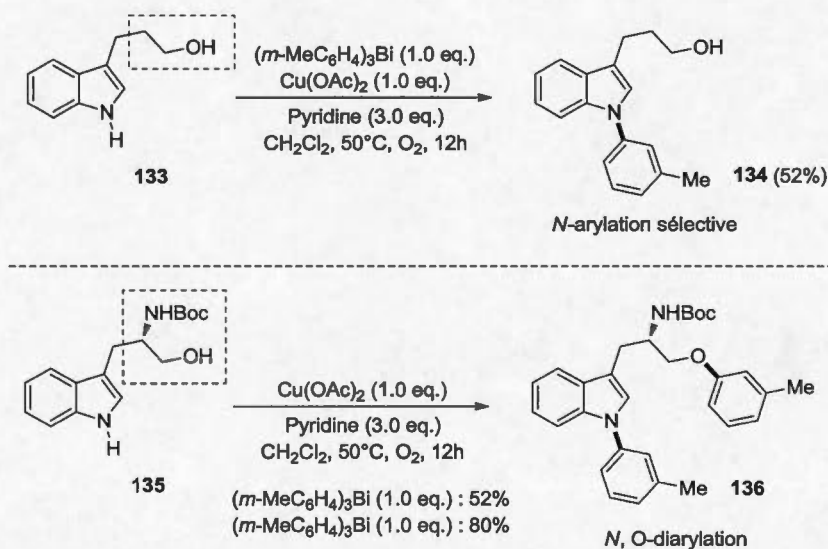
**Schéma 41** : *N*-Arylation d'azoles et diazoles **131** avec des réactifs d'organobismuthanes trivalents hautement fonctionnalisés

Cette procédure permet d'accéder régiosélectivement au produit de *N*-arylation plutôt qu'au produit de C3-arylation et démontre une exceptionnelle tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels, que cela soit sur le substrat de départ ou sur le triarylbismuthane. En effet, des groupements très sensibles de type alcool primaire, cétone, aldéhyde, halogène, etc. sont tolérés dans ces conditions de réaction et aucunes réactions secondaires n'ont été observées malgré la haute fonctionnalisation des composés. Finalement, la méthode a été appliquée à la *N*-arylation de dérivés du tryptophane afin de former des produits de type *N*-aryltryptophane. Les résultats reliés à ce projet sont présentés en annexes E et F.

#### 0. 5. 2. Formation de liens C–O

Après la création de liens C–C et C–N impliquant des organobismuthanes, la *O*-arylation de composés de type phénols ou 1,2-aminoalcools a été un des derniers sujets que nous avons exploré. Ce projet est issu d'un article, présenté au chapitre 4 et en annexes G et H. Étant donné l'efficacité de la méthode de *N*-arylation par catalyse au cuivre, il était raisonnable de penser que des réactions de *O*-arylation de composés oxygénés par catalyse au cuivre seraient tout aussi réalisables. En effet, un exemple de *N*-arylation d'azoles et de diazoles, qui a été abordée précédemment, a conduit au développement d'une nouvelle méthodologie par catalyse au cuivre (**Schéma 42**). Le premier exemple du **Schéma 42**, issu de notre article sur la *N*-arylation, démontre

qu'en présence d'un alcool primaire sur l'indole **133**, uniquement la *N*-arylation est observée. Or, lorsqu'il y a la présence d'une amine protégée par un Boc en  $\beta$  de l'alcool **135**, cette fois les produits de *N*- et la *O*-arylation sont obtenus. Incontestablement, l'amine joue un rôle crucial dans cette réaction. Ce cas particulier a donc été le déclencheur d'une nouvelle méthodologie qui est la *O*-arylation de 1,2-aminoalcools *N*-protégés.

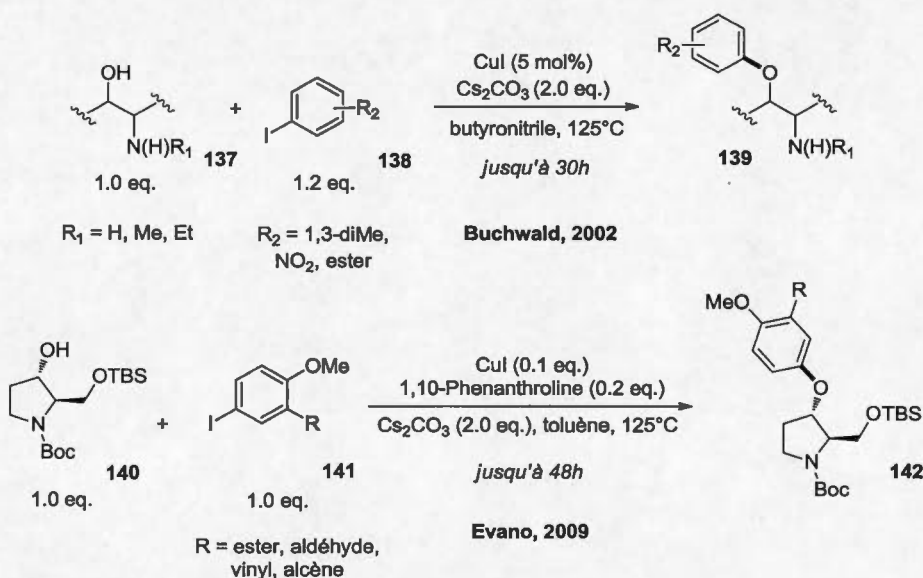


**Schéma 42** : *N*- versus *O*-arylation du 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-1*H*-indole **133** et du *N*-Boc-tryptophanol **135**

Les  $\beta$ -aryloxyamines sont fréquemment retrouvées dans les produits naturels et dans les composés d'intérêt pour la chimie médicinale. Ils peuvent être accessibles au travers de réactions de  $S_NAr$  entre des 1,2-aminoalcools et des halogénures d'aryles pauvres.<sup>85</sup> Également, ces composés peuvent être préparés à partir des mêmes précurseurs, mais par la réaction de Mitsunobu<sup>86</sup> ou via une réaction de  $S_N2$  sur des mésylates ou tosylates correspondants.<sup>87</sup> Malgré que ces méthodes soient très courantes dans l'industrie pharmaceutique, elles souffrent de quelques limitations. En effet, elles nécessitent la présence de groupements attracteurs d'électrons sur

l'aromatique ( $S_NAr$ ), la dérivation de l'alcool dans le cas de la  $S_N2$  ou alors elles conduisent à la formation de produits secondaires, ce qui peut compliquer l'isolation du produit désiré (triphénylphosphine et urée dans la réaction de Mitsunobu).

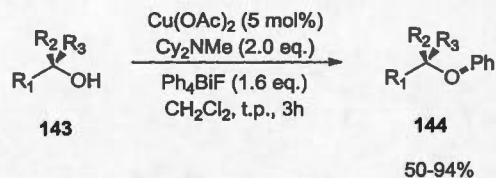
La *O*-arylation de 1,2-aminoalcools par catalyse au cuivre utilisant des halogénures d'aryles a été illustrée par les travaux novateurs de Buchwald<sup>88</sup> et Evano<sup>89</sup> (Schéma 43) qui constitue une stratégie efficace pour la synthèse des  $\beta$ -aryloxyamines.<sup>90-92</sup>



**Schéma 43** : Méthodes pour la *O*-arylation des 1,2-aminoalcools par catalyse au cuivre décrites par Buchwald et Evano

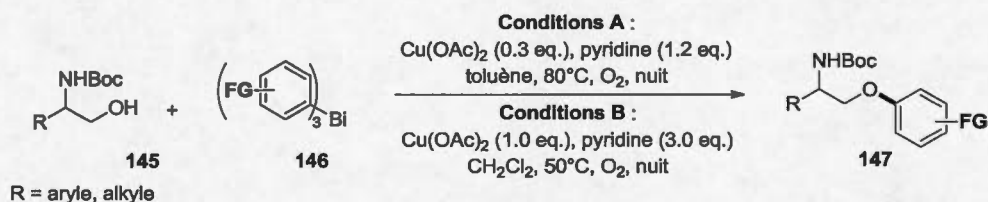
Ces méthodes tolèrent un grand nombre de groupements fonctionnels et ne nécessitent pas de réactifs organométalliques. Cependant, les longs temps de réaction et la haute température de chauffage peuvent être un frein suivant la molécule de départ utilisée. De manière surprenante, la *O*-arylation des 1,2-aminoalcools utilisant des composés organométalliques a été beaucoup moins étudiée et le seul exemple utilisant cette technique a été développé par Mukaiyama et implique le fluorure de tétraphénylbismuth comme source d'aryle (Schéma 44).<sup>93</sup>





**Schéma 44** : *O*-Arylation de 1,2-aminoalcools en présence de  $Ph_4BiF$

Le développement d'une nouvelle procédure de *O*-arylation de 1,2-aminoalcools s'appuie sur les conditions opératoires que nous avons déterminé dans le projet de *N*-arylation d'azoles et de diazoles, étant donné le lien exposé précédemment entre ces deux projets (**Schéma 45**).



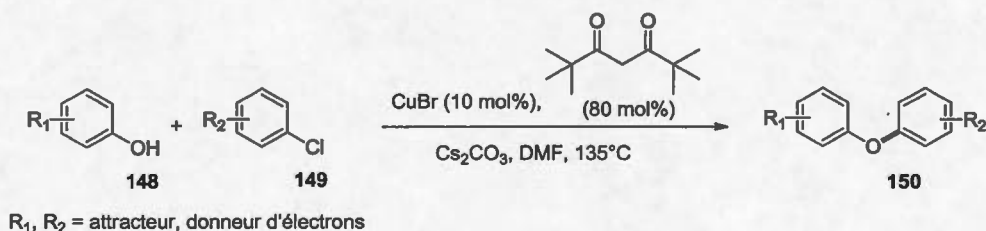
**Schéma 45** : *O*-Arylation de 1,2-aminoalcools **145** utilisant des organobismuthanes fonctionnalisés **146**

Les conditions opératoires nécessitent une quantité catalytique d'acétate de cuivre qui est possible grâce à la présence d'oxygène dans la réaction et 1.2 à 3.0 équivalents de pyridine suivant les conditions utilisées. En plus de la table de substrats que nous avons réalisée pour démontrer l'étendue de la méthode, de nombreuses expériences ont été effectuées afin de déterminer par quel mécanisme l'amine dirige la *O*-arylation de l'aminoalcool. Après de nombreux tests de réactivité, nous avons déterminé que la présence de l'amine en  $\beta$  de l'alcool permettait de diminuer le  $pK_a$  de celui-ci afin qu'il puisse réagir avec l'organobismuthane **146**. Les résultats reliés à ce projet sont présentés en annexes G et H.

La dernière méthodologie développée pour la formation de liens C–O par catalyse au cuivre est la *O*-arylation de phénols avec l'utilisation des organobismuthanes. Cet

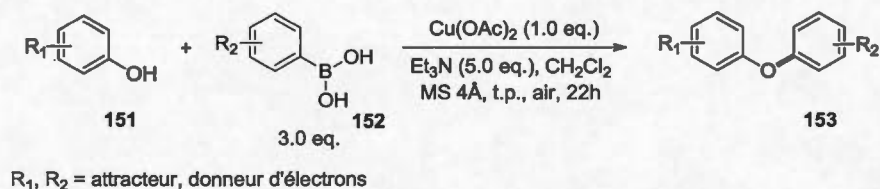
article publié par notre groupe en 2014 ne sera pas rapporté dans cette thèse, mais il est important d'aborder cette technique très efficace dans la synthèse des diaryles éthers fonctionnalisés.

Les diaryles éthers sont des composés que l'on retrouve aisément dans la nature<sup>94</sup> et dans les molécules d'intérêt pour la chimie médicinale.<sup>95</sup> Ce motif a aussi été identifié dans des peptides naturels comme la vancomycine, compléstatine, teicoplanine et eurypamide.<sup>96</sup> Dû à leurs diverses activités biologiques, la synthèse des diaryles éthers est de la plus grande importance. Pour être applicable à la synthèse de produits naturels, les méthodes de synthèse des diaryles éthers doivent tolérer une gamme importante de groupements fonctionnels. De plus, pour trouver une large étendue en chimie médicinale, ces protocoles doivent opérer sous de simples conditions opératoires afin d'être applicables en chimie parallèle et ne doivent pas nécessiter l'utilisation de ligands ou catalyseurs complexes ou coûteux.<sup>97</sup> La réaction d'Ullmann, qui consiste au couplage d'un phénol avec un halogénure d'aryle par catalyse au cuivre, est la première méthode rapportée pour la synthèse des diaryles éthers (Schéma 46).<sup>98</sup>



**Schéma 46** : Arylation du phénol **148** avec un halogénure d'aryle **149** par la méthode d'Ullmann

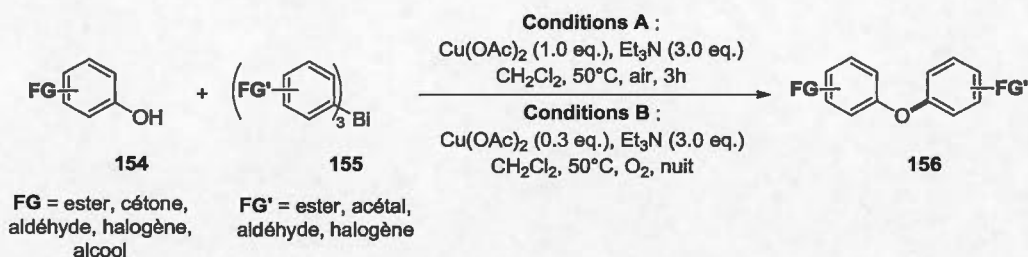
Cependant, la nécessité d'utiliser des hautes températures de réaction empêche son emploi dans la synthèse de molécules complexes. La solution apportée par Evans, Chan et Lam, et qui consiste en un couplage entre un acide boronique et un phénol, a permis de résoudre le problème de synthèse des diaryles éthers (Schéma 47).<sup>99, 100</sup>



**Schéma 47 :** Arylation de phénol **151** avec un acide boronique **152** par la méthode d'Evans, Chan et Lam

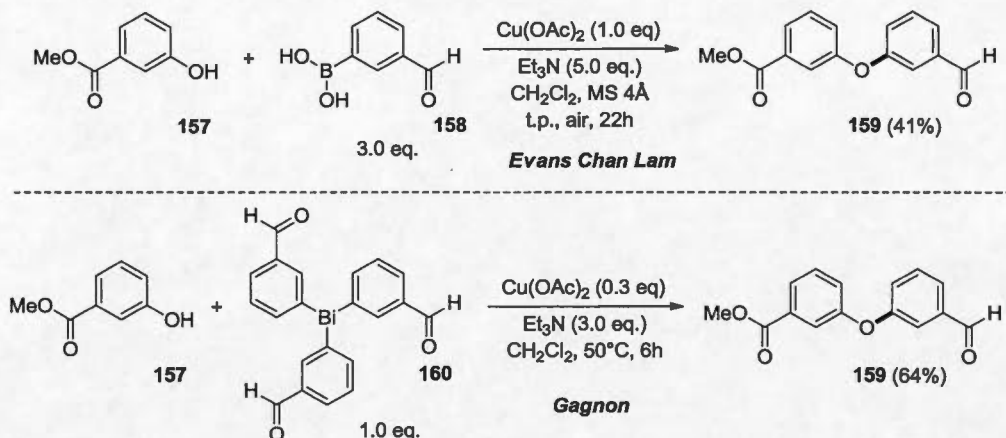
Malgré le fait que cette procédure soit plutôt générale, l'excès d'acide boronique est souvent nécessaire afin d'obtenir de bons rendements. Récemment, l'introduction de ligands complexant de cuivre par Buchwald a permis l'utilisation d'une quantité catalytique de cuivre pour la réaction d'Ullmann.<sup>101</sup> La *O*-arylation de phénols peut aussi être réalisée en utilisant des arylodoniums, tel que rapportée par Olofsson.<sup>102</sup> Cependant, dans ce cas, une base forte est généralement utilisée pour promouvoir la réaction. L'utilisation des composés organométalliques reste une stratégie attrayante pour la synthèse des diaryles éthers fonctionnalisés.<sup>103</sup> Cette approche n'a pas été uniquement mise en pratique avec les acides boroniques,<sup>99, 100</sup> mais aussi avec les trifluoroborate de potassium,<sup>104</sup> les organoplombs<sup>105</sup> et les organoétains.<sup>106</sup> Dans les années 80, Barton a rapporté l'utilisation du triphénylbismuth diacétate dans la *O*-arylation de phénols.<sup>107</sup> Or, ces études qui reposent sur une préformation du bismuth pentavalent, n'ont pas démontré le tolérance de la méthode aux groupements fonctionnels et impliquent uniquement le transfert de groupements aryles non substitués. Après la publication de ce travail de pionnier, quelques exemples isolés de *O*-arylation de phénols utilisant des organobismuthanes trivalents ont été rapportés.<sup>108</sup> Cependant, il n'existe qu'un seul article illustrant une méthode relativement complète de *O*-arylation de phénols avec les organobismuthanes, mais celle-ci implique du  $\text{PhI(OAc)}_2$  comme co-oxydant, ce qui constitue une limitation importante.<sup>109</sup>

Au vu de la littérature, il était intéressant de développer une méthode efficace avec des conditions opératoires simples afin de pouvoir proposer une solution concurrentielle aux méthodes existantes (Schéma 48).



**Schéma 48 :** *O*-Arylation de phénols fonctionnalisés **154** avec des triarylbismuthanes substitués **155**

La méthode que nous avons développée est générale car, grâce à des conditions douces de réaction et une très bonne tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels, elle peut être adaptée à de nombreux composés complexes tels que des produits naturels. En effet, des groupements sensibles de type aldéhyde, cétone ou alcool ont été testés et des rendements allant jusqu'à 98% ont été observés. De plus, cette approche a été comparée avec celle d'Evans, Chan et Lam afin de pouvoir juger de son efficacité (Schéma 49).



**Schéma 49** : Comparaison de *O*-arylation du 3-hydroxy benzoate de méthyle **157** avec l'acide boronique **158** et l'organobismuthane **160**

Avec les conditions classiques d'Evans, Chan et Lam trouvées dans la littérature,<sup>99a</sup> le diaryle éther **159** a été obtenu avec un rendement de 41% après 22h de réaction à température ambiante. Le même produit a été synthétisé avec un rendement de 64% après 6h de réaction en utilisant l'organobismuthane **160** et 0.3 équivalents d'acétate de cuivre. En utilisant les conditions développées avec l'organobismuthane dans la réaction avec l'acide boronique, le produit **159** a été obtenu avec seulement 14% de rendement.

## 0. 6. Étendue des méthodes d'arylation

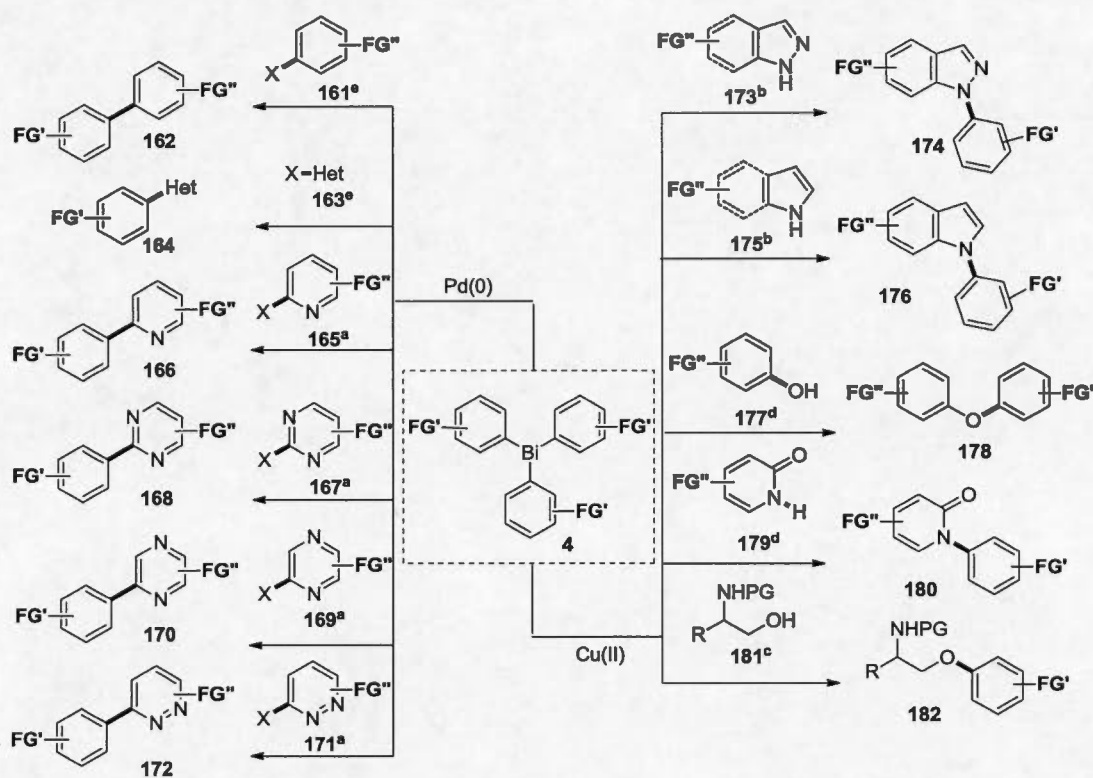
La préparation de molécules complexes repose sur notre capacité à former de nouvelles liaisons de manière contrôlée. Afin d'y parvenir, l'accès à des méthodes efficaces qui permettent la création de nouvelles liaisons en présence de groupements fonctionnels est essentiel. De plus, ces méthodes doivent, idéalement, être simples et robustes pour être appliquées en chimie parallèle permettant ainsi la préparation de banques de composés intéressants du point de vue de la chimie médicinale.

Les réactifs organométalliques ont révolutionné le domaine de la chimie organique en facilitant la formation de liens difficiles d'accès. Cependant, certains de ces réactifs souffrent d'importantes limitations comme une sensibilité à l'air et l'humidité, de pyrophoricité, d'une faible stabilité et d'une faible compatibilité avec des groupements fonctionnels. Récemment, les travaux de Knochel et d'autres sur la préparation de composés organométalliques fonctionnalisés ont contribué à résoudre certains problèmes reliés à ces réactifs tel que la tolérance aux groupements fonctionnels, la toxicité, la mise en œuvre des réactions, etc.

Depuis quelques années, les organobismuthanes démontrent qu'ils sont une classe de réactifs organométalliques à part entière. Ces réactifs peuvent être préparés à partir des sels de bismuth non toxiques et peu coûteux ou alors par la méthode de Grignard tel qu'abordée précédemment. Les triarylbismuthanes sont particulièrement intéressants car ils sont stables à l'air et à l'humidité. En effet, ils peuvent être purifiés par chromatographie sur colonne ou par cristallisation et être stockés sur la paillasse. En raison de la faible force de la liaison bismuth-carbone, les réactifs organobismuthanes sont remarquablement tolérants à de nombreux groupes fonctionnels. Leur réactivité est déterminée par l'état d'oxydation du bismuth, soit le bismuth(III) trivalent qui réagit en tant que réactif nucléophile ou soit le bismuth(V) pentavalent qui se comporte comme une espèce électrophile. Dans les années 1980, Barton et Finet ont exploité ce double mode de réactivité pour développer une série de réactions métalo-catalysées à base d'organobismuthanes. Plus récemment, les travaux de Condon et Rao sur ces composés organométalliques particuliers ont contribué à étendre l'application de cette classe de réactifs en synthèse organique. Après avoir rapporté de nombreuses méthodes de formation de liens C-C, C-N et C-O impliquant les organobismuthanes, une étendue de ces méthodologies et de la fonctionnalisation des complexes a été envisagée dans notre dernier projet. Il est issu d'un article en cours d'écriture, présenté au chapitre et en annexes I et J. Ces différentes approches que nous avons développées, ont permis le transfert de groupes



aryles fonctionnalisés sur différents types de substrats, comme des arènes **161** et des hétéroarènes **163**, des pyridines **165**, des pyrimidines **167**, des pyrazines **169** et des pyridazines **171**, des indazoles et des pyrazoles **173**, des indoles et des pyroles **175**, des phénols **177**, des pyridones **179** et finalement sur des 1,2-aminoalcools **181** afin d'accéder à une grande gamme de produits médicalement pertinents (Schéma 50).



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**Schéma 50** : Triarylbismuthanes dans des réactions d'arylation : synthèse de composés hautement fonctionnalisés et médicalement pertinents



Dans cet article en préparation, la synthèse d'organobismuthanes a été développée, c'est-à-dire que des groupements de type alcools (primaire, secondaire et tertiaire), cétone et ester  $\alpha,\beta$ -insaturé, cétone, aldéhyde et vinyle terminal ont été greffés sur des triarylbismuthanes. Ces complexes hautement fonctionnalisés ont été, par la suite, transférés sur tous les types de substrats présentés auparavant dans cette thèse. Les résultats reliés à ce projet sont présentés en annexes I et J.

## CHAPITRE I

### RÉACTION DE COUPLAGE ENTRE DES TRIALKYLBISMUTHANES ET DES 2-HALOAZINES ET DIAZINES CATALYSÉE AU PALLADIUM

#### 1. 1. Introduction

Les 2-haloazines et diazines sont des espèces très convoitées dans la chimie médicinale. En effet, ces composés ont révélé des activités anti-microbiennes, anti-virales, anti-oxydantes et anti-tumorales. Par conséquent, l'accès à des méthodes efficaces et générales qui permettent leur préparation est d'une importance capitale. De plus, le couplage d'alkyles  $sp^3$  sur ce type de substrats portant un halogène en position 2 est une méthode intéressante pour accéder aux dérivés alkylés correspondants. Or à ce jour, il n'existe pas de méthodes complètes et générales pour la préparation de ce genre de composés car bien souvent, la réaction secondaire d'élimination d'hydrure  $\beta$  est observée. La méthode de couplage présentée dans les annexes A et B, démontre que des conditions simples de réaction peuvent être développées, avec, par exemple, un catalyseur peu coûteux et commercial, l'absence de ligand afin d'éviter une possible élimination d'hydrure  $\beta$  et être totalement compatibles avec des groupements fonctionnels.

#### 1. 2. Informations supplémentaires

L'article issu de ces travaux est présenté à l'annexe A. Les informations supplémentaires, contenant les protocoles expérimentaux ainsi que les caractérisations et spectres RMN, sont présentés à l'annexe B.

### 1. 3. Conclusion

En conclusion, une procédure efficace et générale pour le couplage d'alkyles sur des 2-haloazines et diazines a été développée à partir de trialkylbismuthanes. En effet, cette méthodologie opère sous de simples conditions de réaction avec l'utilisation d'un catalyseur simple. De nombreux groupements fonctionnels sont tolérés et les composés synthétisés ont une importante valeur en chimie médicinale.

## CHAPITRE II

### RÉACTION DE COUPLAGE ENTRE DES TRIARYLBISMUTHANES AVEC DES 2-HALO(ou 2-TRIFLYL) AZINES ET DIAZINES CATALYSÉE AU PALLADIUM

#### 2. 1. Introduction

Des réactifs organométalliques de type triarylbismuthanes ont été couplés sur les 2-halo et 2-triflyl azines et diazines afin de constituer une approche d'intérêt, pour l'accès à ces hétérocycles arylés en position 2 en chimie médicinale. De nombreuses méthodes existantes permettent de réaliser ce couplage. Or la plupart de ces méthodes comportent soit des difficultés de mise en œuvre notamment avec les organozincs soit une incompatibilité de groupements fonctionnels avec les organomagnésiens par exemple. La méthode de couplage proposée ici, démontre que des conditions simples de réaction peuvent être développées, avec, par exemple, un catalyseur peu coûteux et commercial et être totalement compatibles avec des groupements fonctionnels sensibles.

#### 2. 2. Informations supplémentaires

L'article issu de ces travaux est présenté à l'annexe C. Les informations supplémentaires, contenant les protocoles expérimentaux ainsi que les caractérisations et spectres RMN, sont présentés à l'annexe D.

### 2. 3. Conclusion

Une nouvelle méthode d'arylation a été proposée à partir de triaryl- et tri-hétéroarylbismuthanes fonctionnalisés sur des 2-halo- et 2-triflylazines et diazines. Cette procédure utilise des organobismuthanes stables et opère sous de simples conditions, ce qui mène à l'obtention des produits désirés avec de bons à excellents rendements. De plus, les trois groupes aryles sur le bismuth sont transférés dans cette réaction, ce qui permet une économie d'atomes. Pour la première fois dans cet article, il a été démontré que la manipulation de groupement fonctionnel directement sur l'organométallique, afin de transformer un acétal en aldéhyde, est efficace.

## CHAPITRE III

### *N*-ARYLATION D'AZOLES ET DE DIAZOLES CATALYSÉE AU CUIVRE IMPLIQUANT DES ORGANOBI SMUTHANES HAUTEMENT FONCTIONNALISÉS

#### 3. 1. Introduction

Tout comme les azines et diazines, les azoles et diazoles sont des unités fréquemment utilisées non seulement en chimie médicinale, mais également dans la chimie des matériaux et polymères. Les méthodes existantes pour la *N*-arylation de ces composés souffrent de nombreuses limitations comme des temps de réaction extrêmement longs, l'usage de réactifs toxiques ou des quantités super-stœchiométriques de catalyseur. Il était alors nécessaire de développer une méthode simple et efficace à partir des triarylbismuthanes afin de générer les molécules les plus fonctionnalisées possibles. Également, l'arylation de dérivés de tryptophane a été proposée dans le but d'être applicables en chimie médicinale.

#### 3. 2. Informations supplémentaires

L'article issu de ces travaux est présenté à l'annexe E. Les informations supplémentaires, contenant les protocoles expérimentaux ainsi que les caractérisations et spectres RMN, sont présentés à l'annexe F.

### 3. 3. Conclusion

Pour résumer, une nouvelle méthodologie de *N*-arylation d'indoles, d'indazoles, de pyrroles et de pyrazoles a été proposée à partir d'organobismuthanes hautement fonctionnalisés. La transformation opère avec une quantité catalytique de cuivre et tolère une exceptionnelle diversité de groupements fonctionnels sur les deux partenaires de couplage afin d'accéder aux azoles et diazoles fonctionnalisées. L'utilisation de cette méthode pour l'arylation de dérivés du tryptophane est le point de départ d'un nouveau projet pour l'arylation d'acides aminés et de peptides contenant des unités tryptophanes.



## CHAPITRE IV

### *O*-ARYLATION DE 1,2-AMINOALCOOLS *N*-PROTÉGÉS CATALYSÉE AU CUIVRE IMPLIQUANT DES ORGANOBI SMUTHANES HAUTEMENT FONCTIONNALISÉS

#### 4. 1. Introduction

Les  $\beta$ -aryloxyamines sont fréquemment retrouvées dans les produits naturels et dans les composés d'intérêt pour la chimie médicinale. Ces composés peuvent être accessibles à partir de différentes méthodes comme des réactions de  $S_NAr$ , Mitsunobu ou via une réaction de  $S_N2$  sur des 1,2-aminoalcools et des halogénures d'aryles. Malgré que ces méthodes soient très courantes dans l'industrie pharmaceutique, elles souffrent de quelques limitations comme la nécessité d'avoir des groupements attracteurs ou la formation de produits secondaires. Or, la réaction d'arylation des 1,2-aminoalcools *N*-protégés a été très peu étudiée à partir d'organométalliques comme agents de couplage. La seule méthode rapportée utilisant un réactif métallique est l'approche utilisant du fluorure de tétraphénylbismuth comme source arylante. De ce fait, le développement d'une nouvelle méthodologie de *O*-arylation de 1,2-aminoalcools à partir de bismuth trivalent, bien plus stable que son homologue pentavalent, a été réalisée afin de proposer un protocole efficace avec peu de limitations.

#### 4. 2. Informations supplémentaires

L'article issu de ces travaux est présenté à l'annexe G. Les informations supplémentaires, contenant les protocoles expérimentaux ainsi que les caractérisations et spectres RMN, sont présentés à l'annexe H.

#### 4. 3. Conclusion

En conclusion, une *O*-arylation de 1,2-aminoalcools catalysée au cuivre à partir d'organobismuthanes fonctionnalisés a été proposée. La réaction opère avec une quantité catalytique de cuivre et tolère une bonne variété de groupements fonctionnels sur l'organobismuthane afin d'accéder aux  $\beta$ -aryloxyamines fonctionnalisées correspondantes. Différents groupes protecteurs sur l'amine dans cette réaction d'arylation peuvent être utilisés comme le BOC, Cbz, Ac et Ts. Finalement, il a été démontré que la présence d'un groupement amine en  $\beta$  d'un alcool permet une augmentation de sa réactivité probablement dû à un effet inductif.

## CHAPITRE V

### SYNTHÈSE D'ORGANOBISMUTHANES HAUTEMENT FONCTIONNALISÉS PAR MANIPULATION DE GROUPEMENTS FONCTIONNELS ET UTILISATION DANS DES RÉACTIONS D'ARYLATION

#### 5. 1. Introduction

Les méthodologies proposées jusqu'à présent avec les organobismuthanes ont pour objectif la création de nouveaux liens C–C, C–N et C–O en présence de groupements fonctionnels sans que cela n'altère leurs efficacités. Il est primordial aujourd'hui de développer des méthodes efficaces et simples qui respectent tous types de fonctionnalisations afin qu'elles puissent être appliquées à plus grande échelle en chimie médicinale. Dans ce dernier projet, la fonctionnalisation des organobismuthanes a été poussée à son paroxysme et ils ont été couplés sur tous les types de substrats présentés dans cette thèse.

#### 5. 2. Informations supplémentaires

L'article en préparation issu de ces travaux est présenté à l'annexe I. Les informations supplémentaires, contenant les protocoles expérimentaux ainsi que les caractérisations et spectres RMN obtenus jusqu'alors, sont présentés à l'annexe J.

#### 5. 3. Conclusion

Le résumé et l'extension des travaux réalisés depuis le début de cette thèse sont ici l'objet d'un article en cours d'écriture. L'application des organobismuthanes les plus fonctionnalisés possibles, aux arènes et aux hétéroarènes, aux azines et diazines, aux indazoles et aux pyrazoles, aux indoles et aux pyroles, aux phénols et aux pyridones et finalement aux 1,2-aminoalcools, donne accès à une grande gamme de produits médicalement pertinents.

## CONCLUSION

En conclusion, la synthèse d'organométalliques fonctionnalisés à base de bismuth par manipulation de groupements fonctionnels a été réalisée. De façon surprenante, le lien C–Bi tolère de nombreuses conditions de réaction telle que des conditions acides, basiques, oxydatives, réductrices, etc., grâce à la faible réactivité de ce lien carbone-métal. Des groupements de type alcool, cétone, aldéhyde, ester, vinyle et autres ont pu être synthétisés de manière efficace sans observer de dégradation de l'organométallique ni de réactions secondaires. Ces nouveaux organométalliques de choix ont été appliqués dans des réactions de couplage afin de démontrer l'étendue de leurs possibilités. En effet, nous avons développé de nouvelles méthodologies d'arylation, à partir d'organobismuthanes pour la création de nouveaux liens C–C, C–N et C–O. De plus, il a été possible de synthétiser de nombreuses unités fréquemment retrouvées dans des composés d'importance en chimie médicinale de type biaryles, hétéroaryles arylés, 2-arylazines et diazines, *N*-arylindazoles et pyrazoles, *N*-arylindoles et pyrroles, diaryles éthers, *N*-arylpyridones et des  $\beta$ -aryloxyamines. Les réactifs de bismuth, en raison de leur faible réactivité relative, ont permis d'élaborer des réactions simples d'application, utilisant des réactifs commerciaux abordables et tolérant une exceptionnelle diversité de groupements fonctionnels, que ce soit sur l'organométallique lui-même ou sur le substrat. Tous ces travaux mettent en lumière l'importance des organobismuthanes en chimie organique et leur exceptionnelle utilité dans les réactions de couplage au palladium ou au cuivre.



## ANNEXE A

### "PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CROSS-COUPLING REACTION OF TRIALKYLBI SMUTHINES WITH 2-HALOZINES AND DIAZINES" ARTICLE

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## PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CROSS-COUPLING REACTION OF TRIALKYLBISMUTHINES WITH 2-HALOAZINES AND DIAZINES<sup>†</sup>

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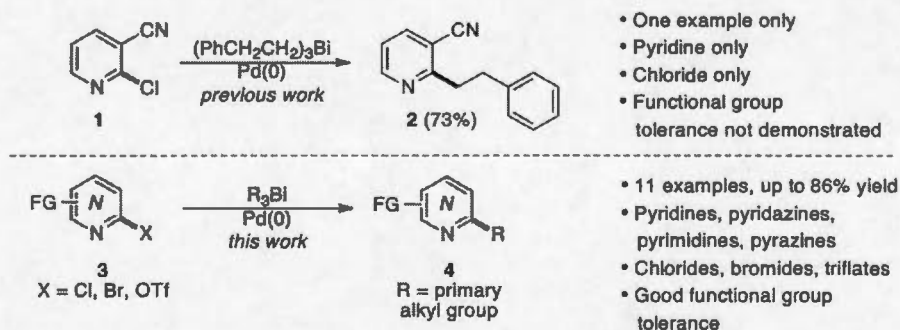
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**Abstract** – An efficient method for the cross-coupling reaction of primary trialkylbismuth reagents with 2-haloazines and diazines is reported. The reaction functions with pyridines, pyrimidines, pyridazines and pyrazines and tolerates many functional groups. This method gives access to 2-alkylazines and diazines, a class of compounds which is important in medicinal chemistry.

Azines and diazines are ubiquitous in pharmaceutical industry as they can show a wide diversity of biological activities.<sup>1</sup> The introduction of an alkyl group alpha to the nitrogen of an azine or a diazine allows to screen the binding environment surrounding a bioactive compound<sup>2</sup> and to modulate its biophysical properties such as its lipophilicity, basicity, and permeability.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the development of efficient and general methods that allow the preparation of 2-alkylazines and diazines is highly important for organic and medicinal chemistry. The cross-coupling of  $sp^3$  alkylmetal species<sup>4</sup> with azines and diazines bearing an halogen at the 2-position is an attractive approach to access the corresponding 2-alkyl heterocyclic derivatives. However, this type of coupling is notoriously difficult and only isolated examples involving organoboronic acids,<sup>5</sup> organozincs,<sup>6</sup> organomagnesium<sup>7</sup> and organotin<sup>8</sup> reagents have been reported. In addition, some of these methods suffer from scope limitation and poor functional group tolerance, or necessitate strict anhydrous conditions or complex and costly catalysts to prevent the undesired  $\beta$ -hydride elimination pathway. To the best of our knowledge, there is currently no comprehensive report on the cross-coupling reaction of alkylmetals with 2-halo pyridines, pyrimidines, pyridazines and pyrazines. Consequently, there is a well justified need to develop a general procedure to accomplish this transformation.

Our group has reported over the past years a portfolio of reactions for the formation of C–C,<sup>9</sup> C–O,<sup>10</sup> and C–N<sup>11</sup> bonds involving organobismuth reagents. Organobismuthanes have found increasing use in bond formation due to their unique properties and reactivity.<sup>12</sup> These reagents, which can be easily prepared from inexpensive and non toxic bismuth salts, are very tolerant to a wide diversity of functional groups and thus represent highly attractive species for methodology development.

We recently reported the cross-coupling of trialkylbismuth reagents with aryl and heteroaryl halides and pseudo halides<sup>13</sup> and demonstrated that triphenethylbismuthine reacts smoothly with 2-chloro-3-cyanopyridine **1** to furnish the corresponding coupling product **2** in good yield (Scheme 1). Interestingly, and contrary to cross-coupling reactions with other alkylmetal species, no product coming from the  $\beta$ -hydride elimination pathway could be detected under these conditions. We would like to report herein the full scope of the cross-coupling reaction of trialkylbismuthines with 2-halo- and 2-triflylazines and diazines **3**, a process which leads to medicinally relevant 2-alkylazines and diazines **4** (Scheme 1).

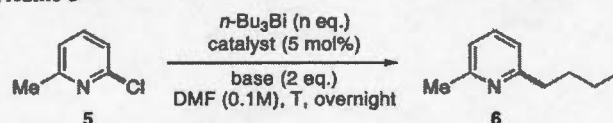


**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of 2-alkylazines and diazines by cross-coupling reaction involving trialkylbismuthines (FG = Functional Group)

We began by optimizing the reaction conditions for the cross-coupling reaction between tri-*n*-butylbismuthine and 2-chloro-6-methylpyridine **5** (Table 1). Tri-*n*-butylbismuthine was prepared *in situ* by the addition of *n*-butylmagnesium bromide over bismuth chloride in THF and was not isolated (see experimental section). The reaction mixture was diluted with DMF to quench any excess Grignard reagent remaining and the trialkylbismuth reagent thus formed was used directly in the cross-coupling reaction. This one-pot protocol avoids any cumbersome isolation of the air sensitive trialkylbismuthine. Using conditions that we previously reported,<sup>13</sup> we obtained the desired product **6** in 32% yield (entry 1). Changing the catalyst for systems that are more suited for cross-coupling reactions with aryl chlorides proved inefficient in our hands (entry 2 and 3). Replacing the base by potassium phosphate proved to be

inconsequential (entry 4) and to our surprise, the reaction proceeded even in the absence of base (entry 5). While these results suggest that the choice of the base is irrelevant, we found that the yield could be substantially improved upon using cesium carbonate as the base instead of potassium carbonate (entry 6). The yield was further ameliorated by using 1.5 or 2.0 equivalents of tributylbismuth (entry 7 and 8). Performing the reaction with 1.1 or 1.5 equivalent of tributylbismuth at 130 °C in the presence of cesium carbonate provided the best yields of the coupling product (entries 9 and 10).

**Table 1.** Optimization of reaction conditions for the cross-coupling of tri-*n*-butylbismuthine with 2-chloro-6-methylpyridine **5**




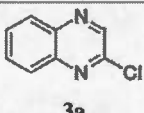
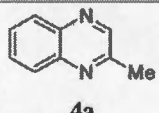
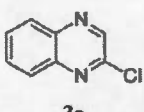
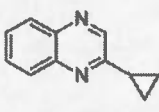
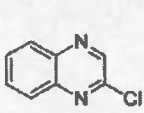
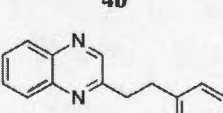
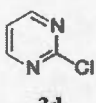
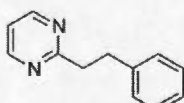
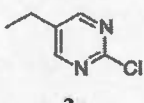
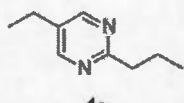
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1	1.1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	110	32
2	1.1	Pd(P <sup><i>t</i></sup> -Bu) <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	110	6
3	1.1	PEPPSI-IPr	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	110	0
4	1.1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	110	30
5	1.1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	110	34
6	1.1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	110	54
7	1.5	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	110	65
8	2.0	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	110	69
9	1.1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	130	70
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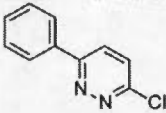
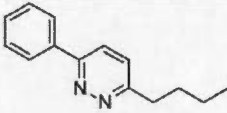
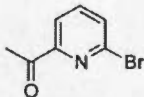
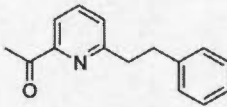
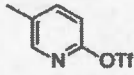
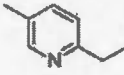
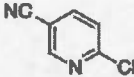
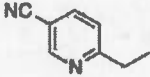
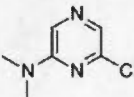
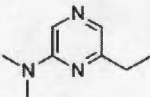
<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of pure compound **6**.

Using our optimized conditions, we next investigated the scope of the reaction by coupling different trialkylbismuthines with 2-halo- and 2-triflylazines and diazines bearing a wide range of functional groups (Table 2). In order to obtain optimal yields, we elected to perform the reaction using 1.5 equivalents of the organobismuth reagent. Firstly, the results demonstrate that the reaction functions efficiently with pyrazines (entry 1-3, 10), pyrimidines (entry 4 and 5), pyridazines (entry 6) and pyridines (entry 7-9). Secondly, the reaction furnishes the coupling product in similar yields upon using the chloro or bromo electrophile, but leads to modest yields when a 2-triflyl substrate is used (entry 8). The study indicates that functional groups such as ketones (entry 7), nitriles (entry 9), and amines (entry 10) are well tolerated. These groups can be used for further functionalization of the product, a feature which

is important for applications in medicinal chemistry. Enolizable groups that would normally not be tolerated with Grignard reagents, such as a methyl ketone (entry 7), are unaffected in the course of the reaction. Attempt at performing the reaction directly with Grignard species under iron catalysis led to the product of addition on the ketone in low yield. While the reaction functions with most primary linear alkyl groups, we found that cyclopropyl was the only secondary alkyl group capable of undergoing cross-coupling under these conditions (entry 2). Aryl and heteroaryl cyclopropanes are very useful in medicinal chemistry since the cyclopropyl group usually shows higher metabolic stability than acyclic alkyl groups in the presence of cytochromes P450.<sup>14</sup>

**Table 2.** Cross-coupling of trialkylbismuthines with 2-halo- and 2-triflylazines and diazines

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Entry	Electrophile	Product	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	 3a	 4a	86
2	 3a	 4b	70
3	 3a	 4c	85
4	 3d	 4d	68
5	 3e	 4e	65

6			46
	3f	4f	
7			48
	3g	4g	
8			24
	3h	4h	
9			45
	3i	4i	
10			71
	3j	4j	

<sup>a</sup>  $R_2Bi$  (1.5 equiv),  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (0.05 equiv),  $Cs_2CO_3$  (2 equiv), DMF, 130 °C, overnight <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield of pure compounds.

In summary, we have developed a general procedure for the cross-coupling of trialkylbismuth reagents with 2-halo- and 2-triflylazines and diazines. The method operates under simple conditions using a simple catalyst. The procedure tolerates many functional groups and the compounds that are generated are highly valuable in medicinal chemistry. Studies aimed at transferring other substituted and functionalized alkyl groups are in progress in our laboratories and results will be reported in due course.

## EXPERIMENTAL

All reactions were run under argon atmosphere in non flame dried glassware. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents were used without further purification. Grignard reagents were purchased from Aldrich or prepared using conventional methods with metallic magnesium and were titrated prior use.<sup>15</sup> Anhydrous bismuth chloride 99.999% was purchased from Strem Chemicals. Anhydrous solvents were obtained using a MBRAUN (model MB-SPS 800) encapsulated solvent purification system. The evolution of reactions was monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography using silica gel 60 F254



precoated plates. Flash chromatography was performed employing 230-400 mesh silica (Silicycle) using the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques.<sup>16</sup> Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C) were recorded on a Bruker Avance-III 300MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform,  $\delta$  7.27 ppm, DMSO  $\delta$  2.54 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant *J* in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane using the central peak of deuteriochloroform (77.00 ppm) as the internal standard. All <sup>13</sup>C spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet 6700 PT-IR from thin films and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>).

**General procedure for the cross-coupling reaction of trialkylbismuthines with 2-halo and 2-triflylazines and diazines**

In a round-bottom flask equipped with a condenser and sparged with argon, BiCl<sub>3</sub> (144 mg, 0.46 mmol) was suspended in anhydrous THF (2.3 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. The organomagnesium reagent (1.37 mmol, THF solution) was slowly added dropwise, and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min, warmed to rt, and then heated at 65 °C for 30 min to assure complete addition of all three alkyl groups on the bismuth center. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and diluted with anhydrous DMF (1 mL). A DMF solution of the heteroaryl halide (0.31 mmol in 3 mL) was then added, followed by Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (18 mg, 0.015 mmol). The solution was degassed by bubbling argon during 15 min and then stirred at 130 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, diluted with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 x 10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography using the indicated solvent system to afford the desired product. When necessary, the compound was further purified by preparative thin layer chromatography using the same solvent system. The alcohol derived from the oxidation of the trialkylbismuth is sometimes observed as a side product.

**2-*n*-Butyl-6-methylpyridine (6)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.39 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-6-methylpyridine **5**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6** as a colorless oil (38 mg, 66%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.69-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 3H).

**2-Methylquinoxaline (4a)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline **3a**. The



crude material was purified on silica gel (40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4a** as a colorless oil (38 mg, 86%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 (s, 1H), 8.07-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.65 (m, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H).

#### 2-Cyclopropylquinoxaline (4b)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline **3a**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4b** as a colorless oil (36 mg, 70%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.71 (s, 1H), 8.03 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.58 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.26-1.23 (m, 2H), 1.18-1.13 (m, 2H).

#### 2-Phenethylquinoxaline (4c)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline **3a**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4c** as a colorless oil (60 mg, 85%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.69 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 5H), 3.42-3.37 (m, 2H), 3.27-3.22 (m, 2H).

#### 2-Phenethylpyrimidine (4d)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.44 mmol scale starting from 2-chloropyrimidine **3d**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (30% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4d** as a colorless oil (54 mg, 68%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>20</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.73 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.13 (t,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.36-3.29 (m, 2H), 3.24-3.18 (m, 2H).

#### 5-Ethyl-2-*n*-propylpyrimidine (4e)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.35 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-5-ethylpyrimidine **3e**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4e** as a colorless oil (28 mg, 53%);  $R_f$  0.30 (25% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.46 (s, 2H), 2.88 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (q,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.9, 156.4, 133.2, 41.0, 23.3, 22.1, 15.0, 13.9; IR (neat) 3431, 2960, 2926, 1713, 1633, 1466.

#### 3-*n*-Butyl-6-phenylpyridazine (4f)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.26 mmol scale starting from 3-chloro-6-phenylpyridazine **3f**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4f** as a colorless oil (24 mg, 46%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>21</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.82-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

#### 2-Acetyl-6-phenethylpyridine (4g)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.25 mmol scale starting from 2-acetyl-6-bromopyridine **3g**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4g** as a colorless oil (27 mg, 48%); *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.56 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.23 (m, 6H), 3.24-3.15 (m, 4H), 2.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.8, 160.7, 153.3, 141.4, 136.9, 128.5, 128.4, 126.4, 126.1, 119.0, 39.6, 35.4, 25.8; IR (neat) 3027, 2920, 1697, 1586, 1453, 1355.

#### 2-Ethyl-5-methylpyridine (**4h**)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from 2-triflyl-5-methylpyridine **3h**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4h** as a colorless oil (6 mg, 24%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>22</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

#### 6-Ethyl-3-cyanopyridine (**4i**)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.36 mmol scale starting from 6-chloro-3-pyridinecarbonitrile **3i**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4i** as a colorless oil (17 mg, 40%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 168.1, 152.1, 139.4, 122.2, 117.0, 107.2, 31.8, 13.3; IR (neat) 3432, 2972, 2933, 2232, 1594, 1484.

#### 2-Ethyl-6-dimethylaminepyrazine (**4j**)

The general procedure was followed on a 0.32 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-6-dimethylamine pyridine **3j**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (35% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4j** as a colorless oil (34 mg, 71%); *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.36 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 3.08 (s, 6H), 2.62 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.6, 154.5, 130.0, 126.7, 37.4, 28.5, 13.3; IR (neat) 2967, 2933, 1575, 1529, 1423, 1194.

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ANNEXE B

"PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CROSS-COUPPLING REACTION OF  
TRIALKYLBI SMUTHINES WITH 2-HALOZINES AND DIAZINES"  
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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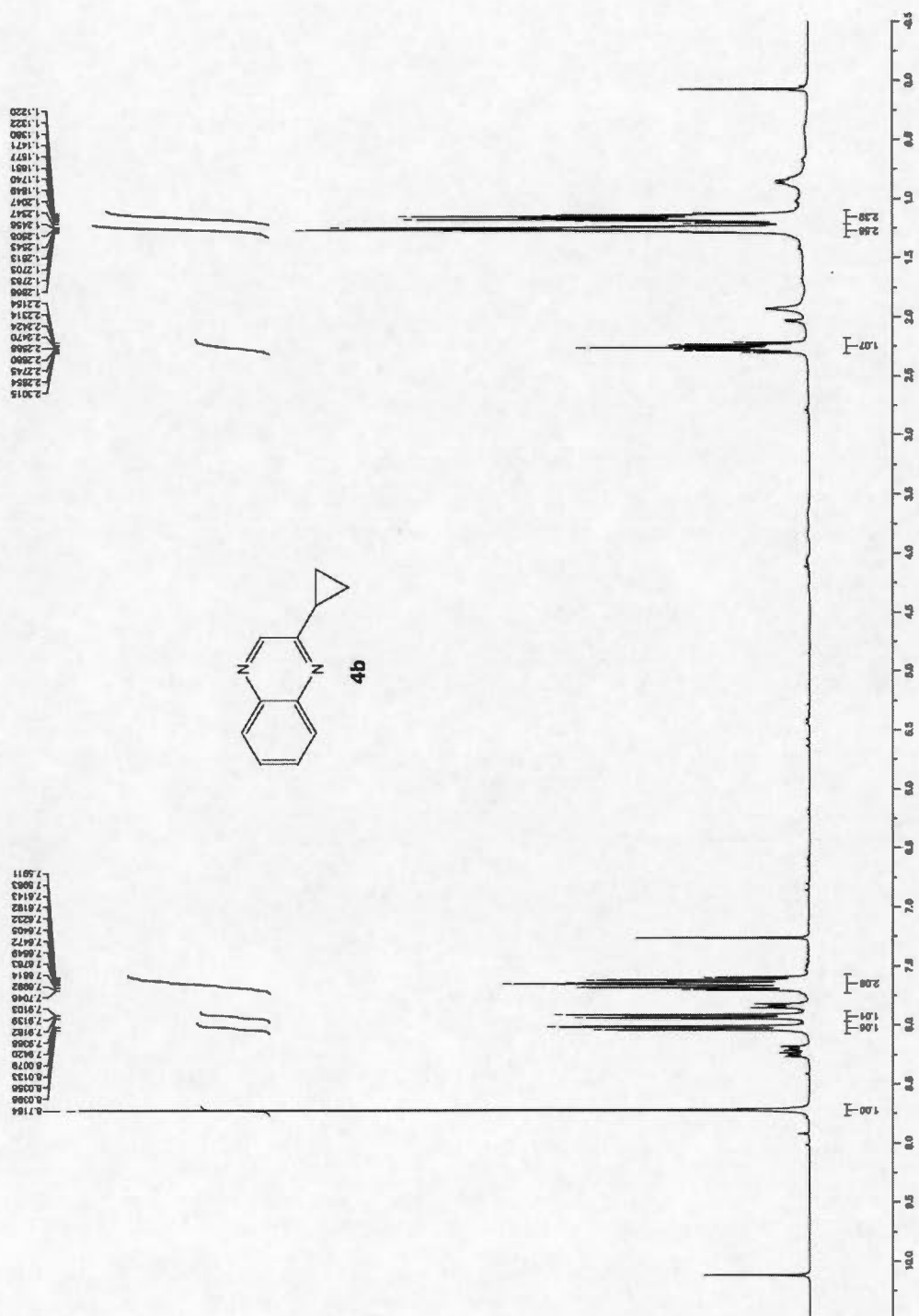
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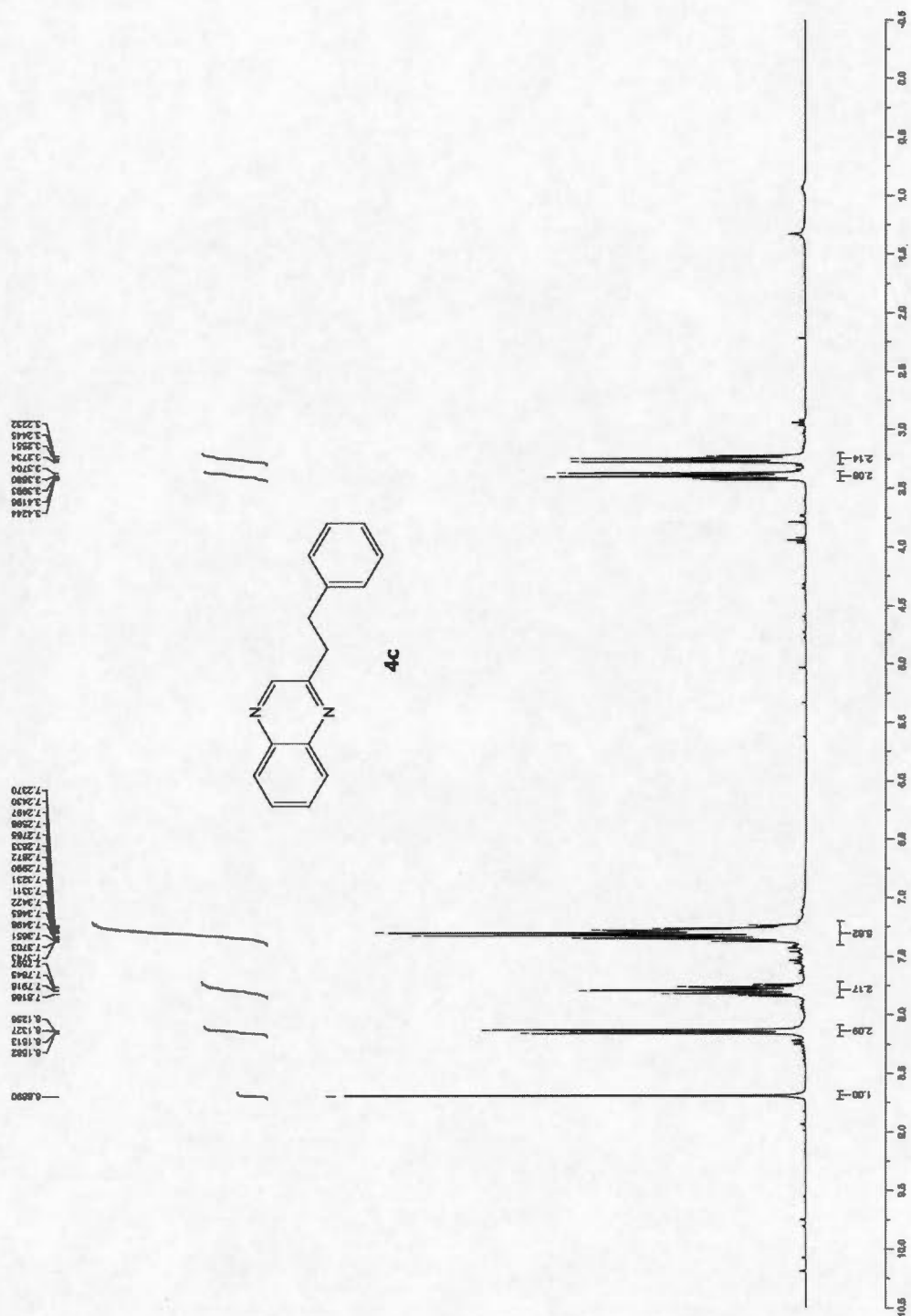


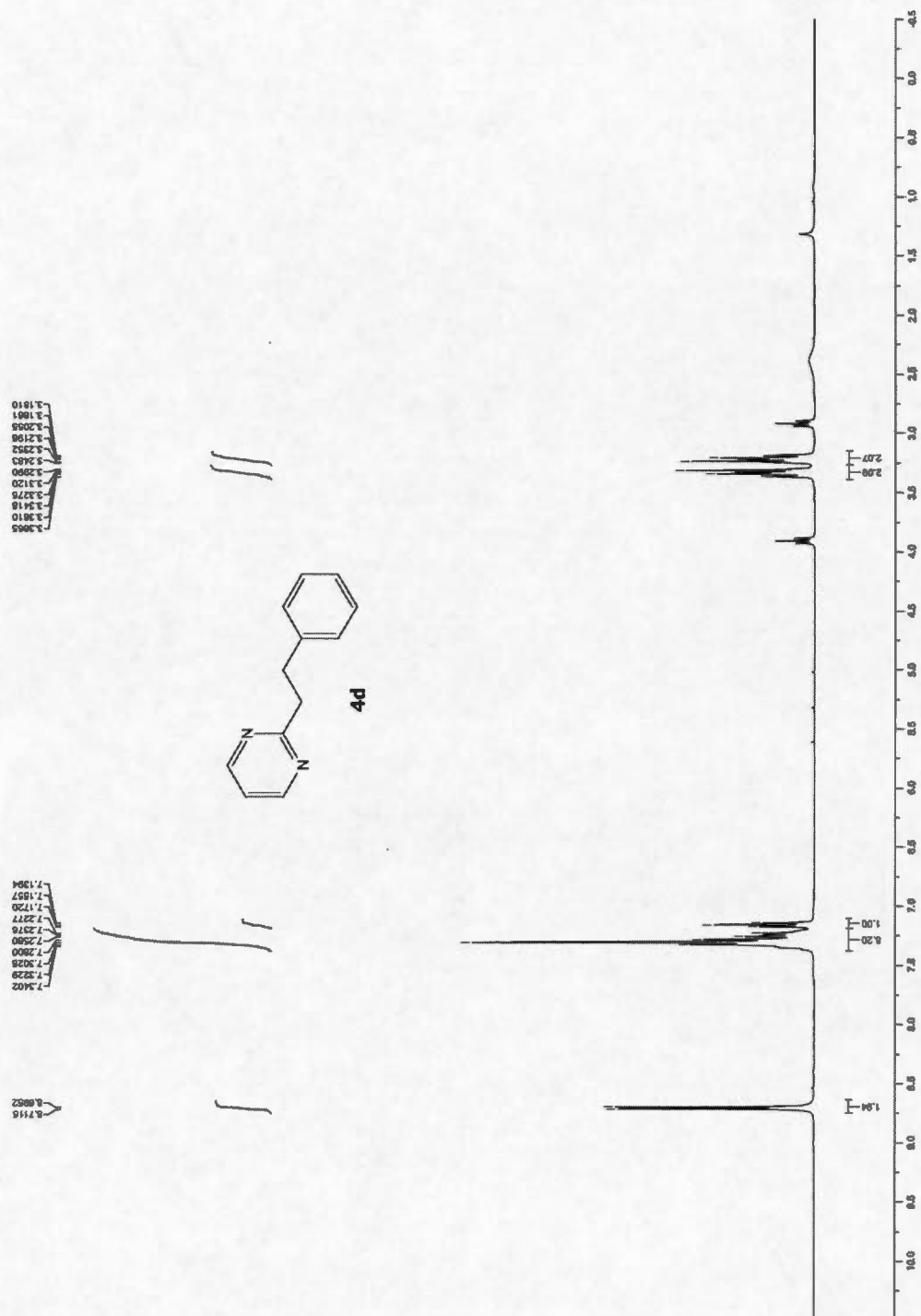


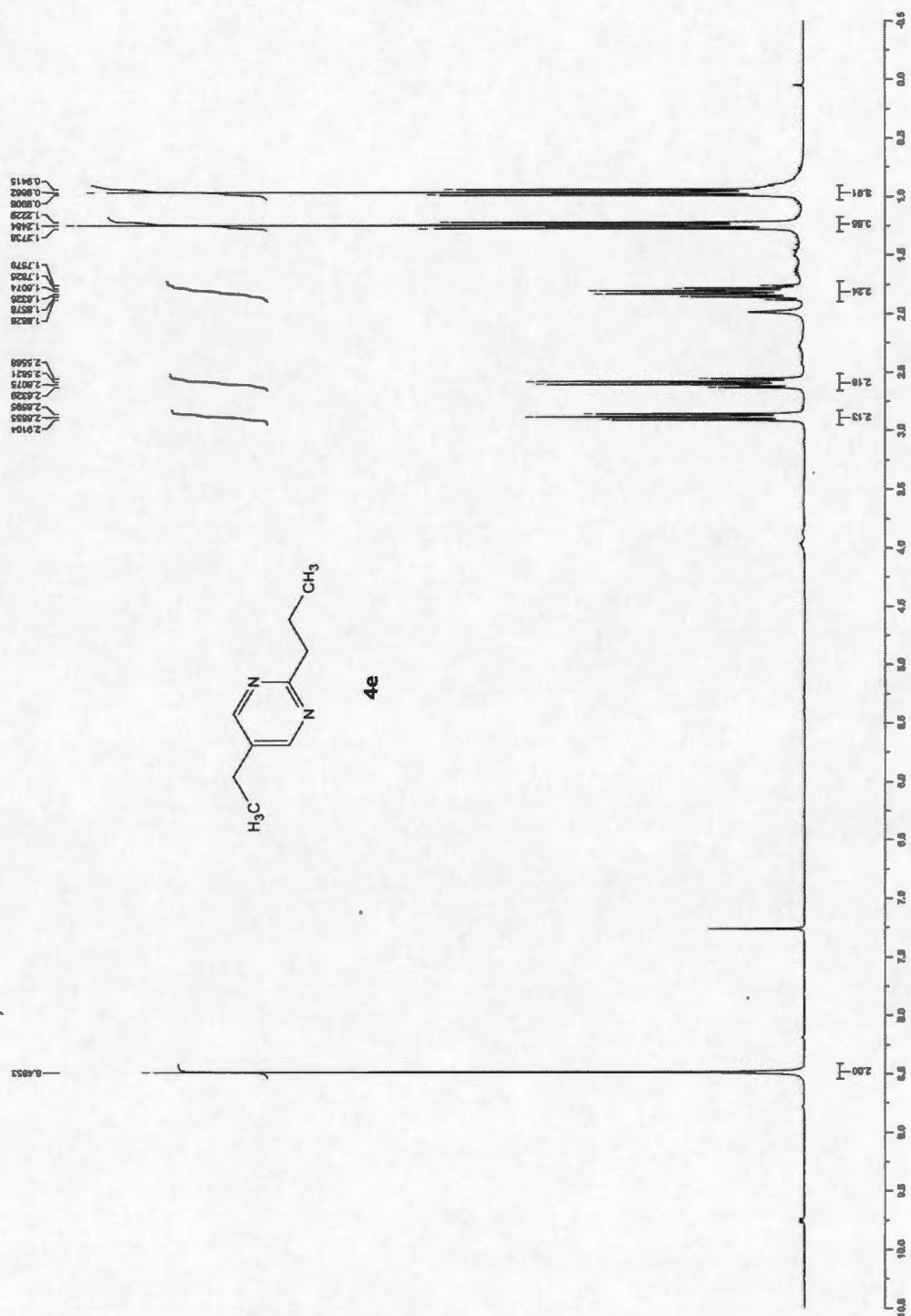


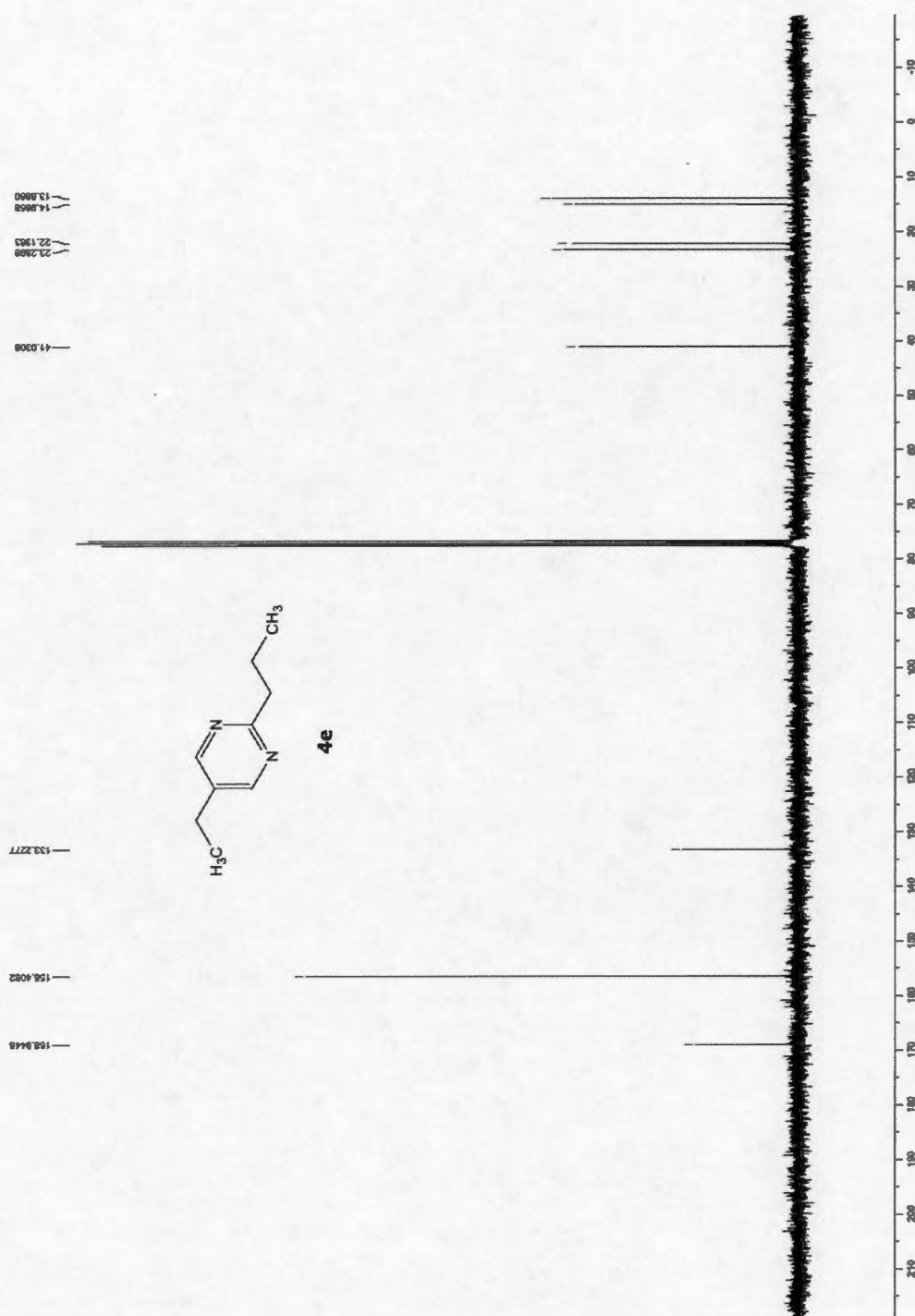


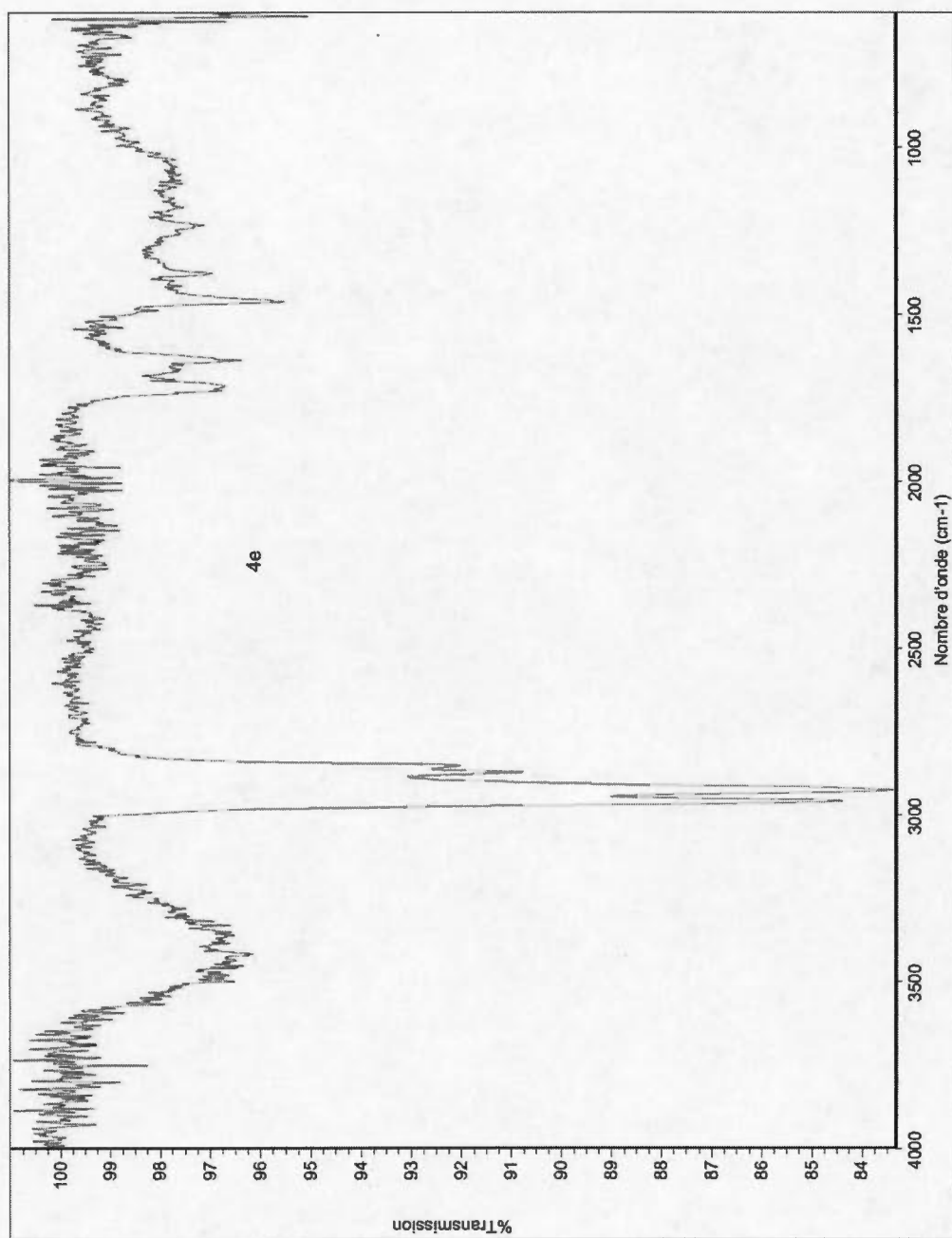








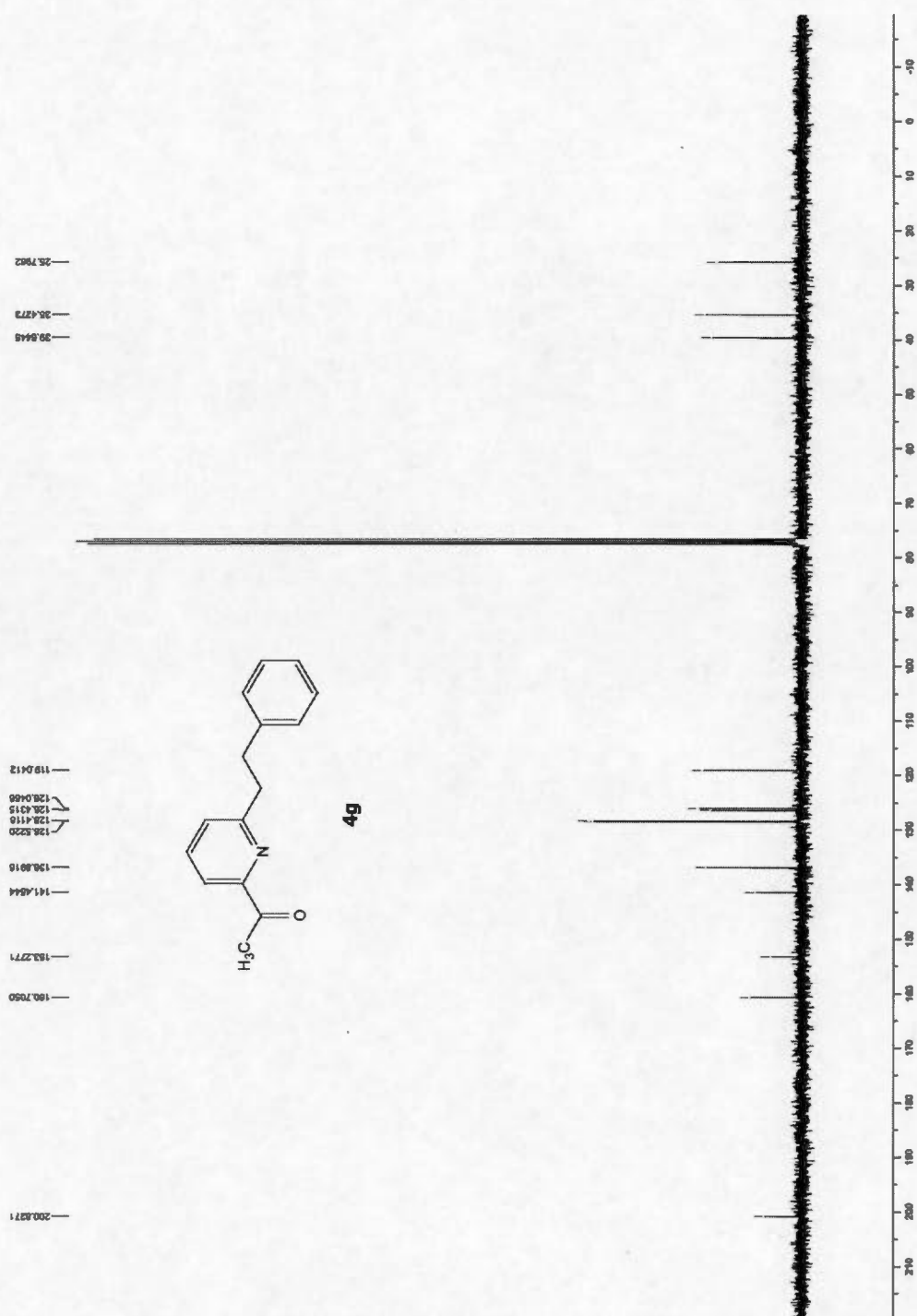


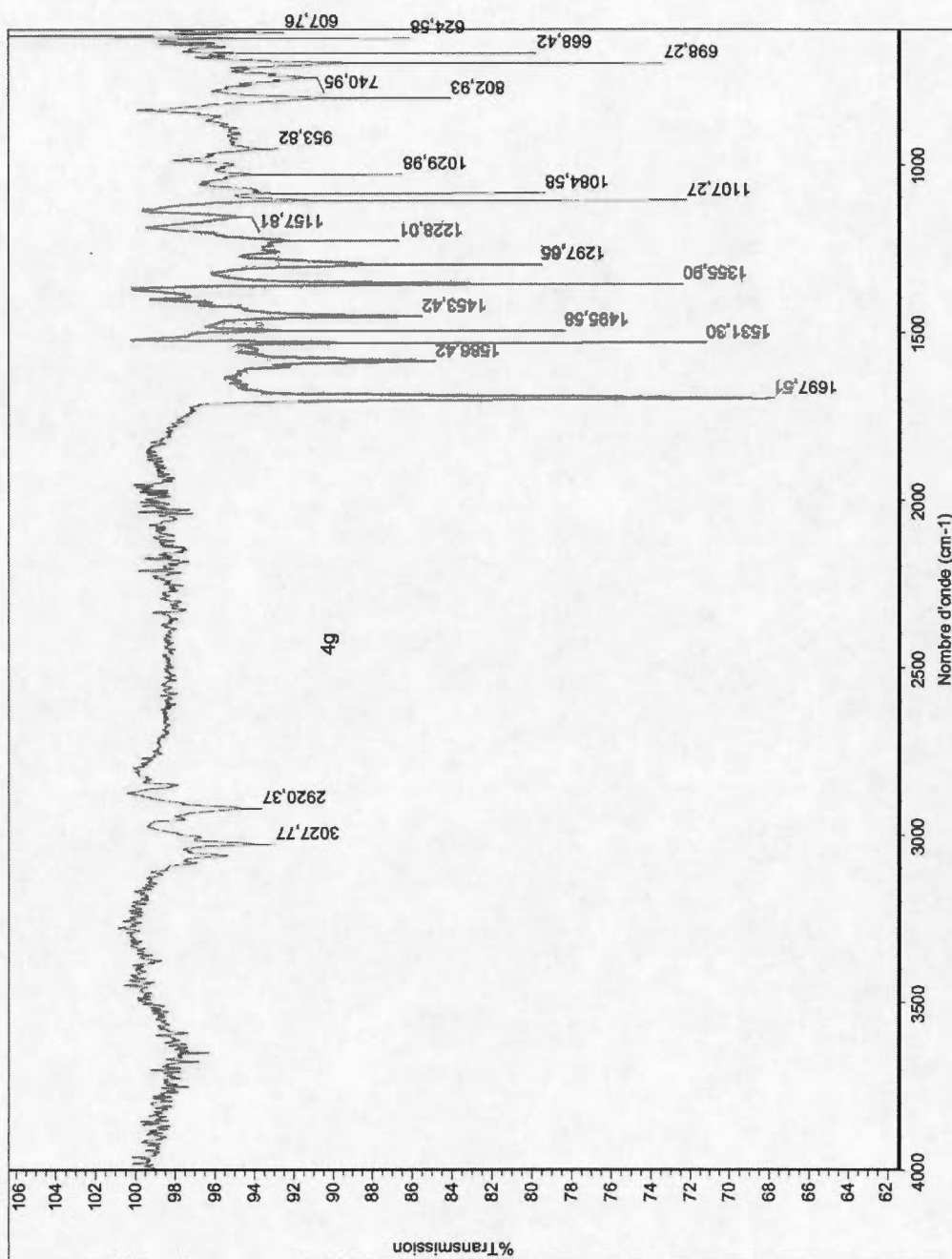


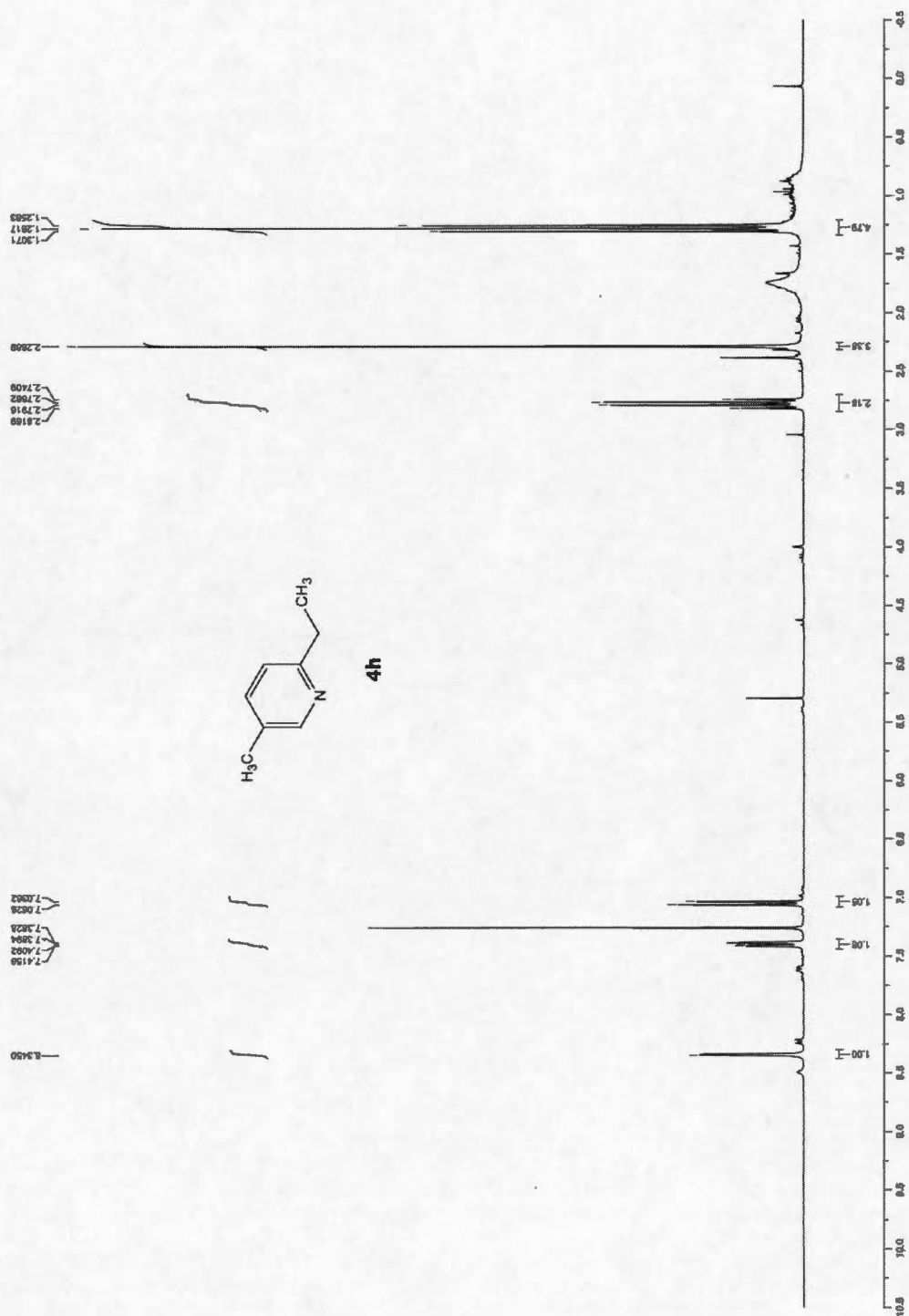




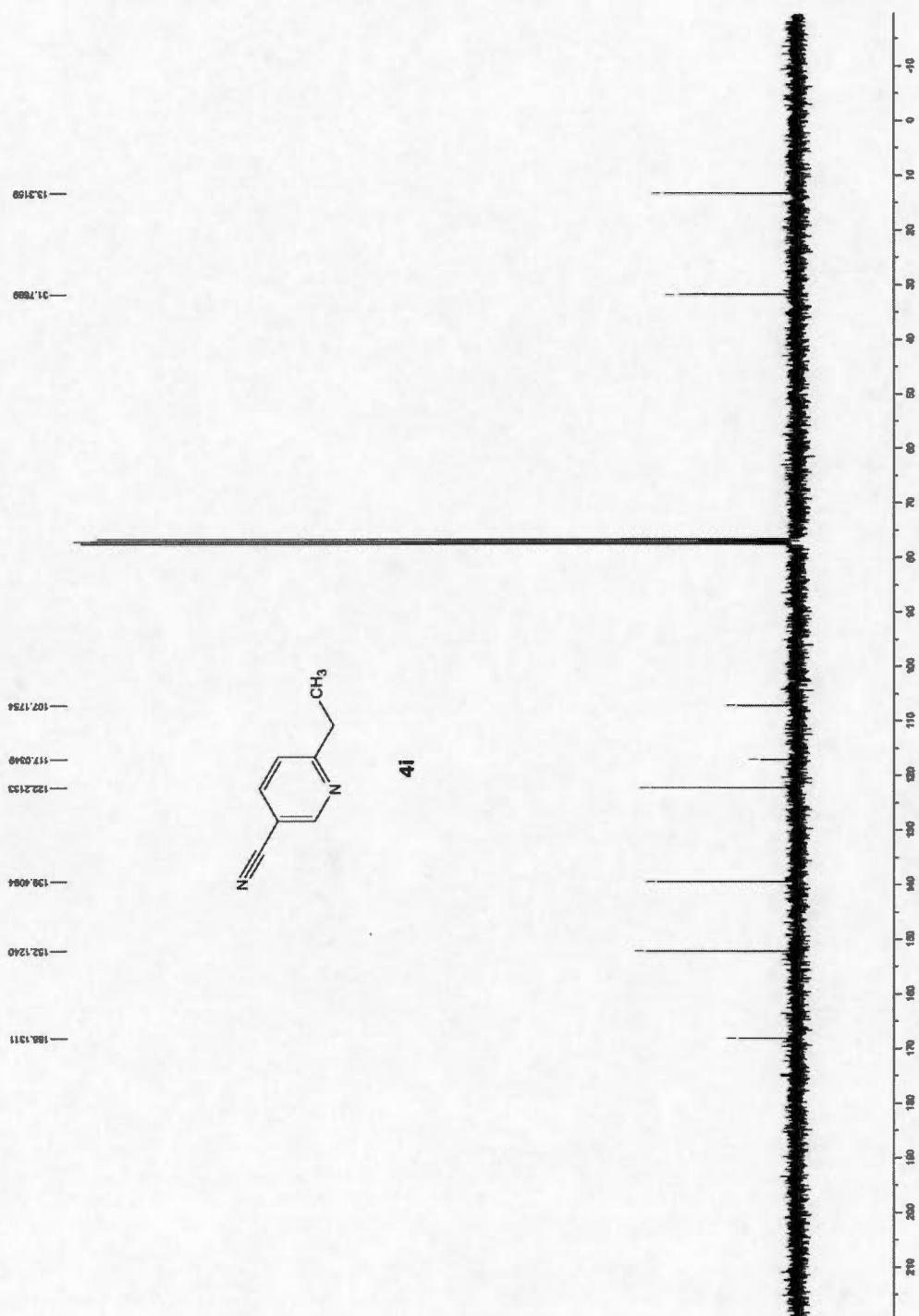






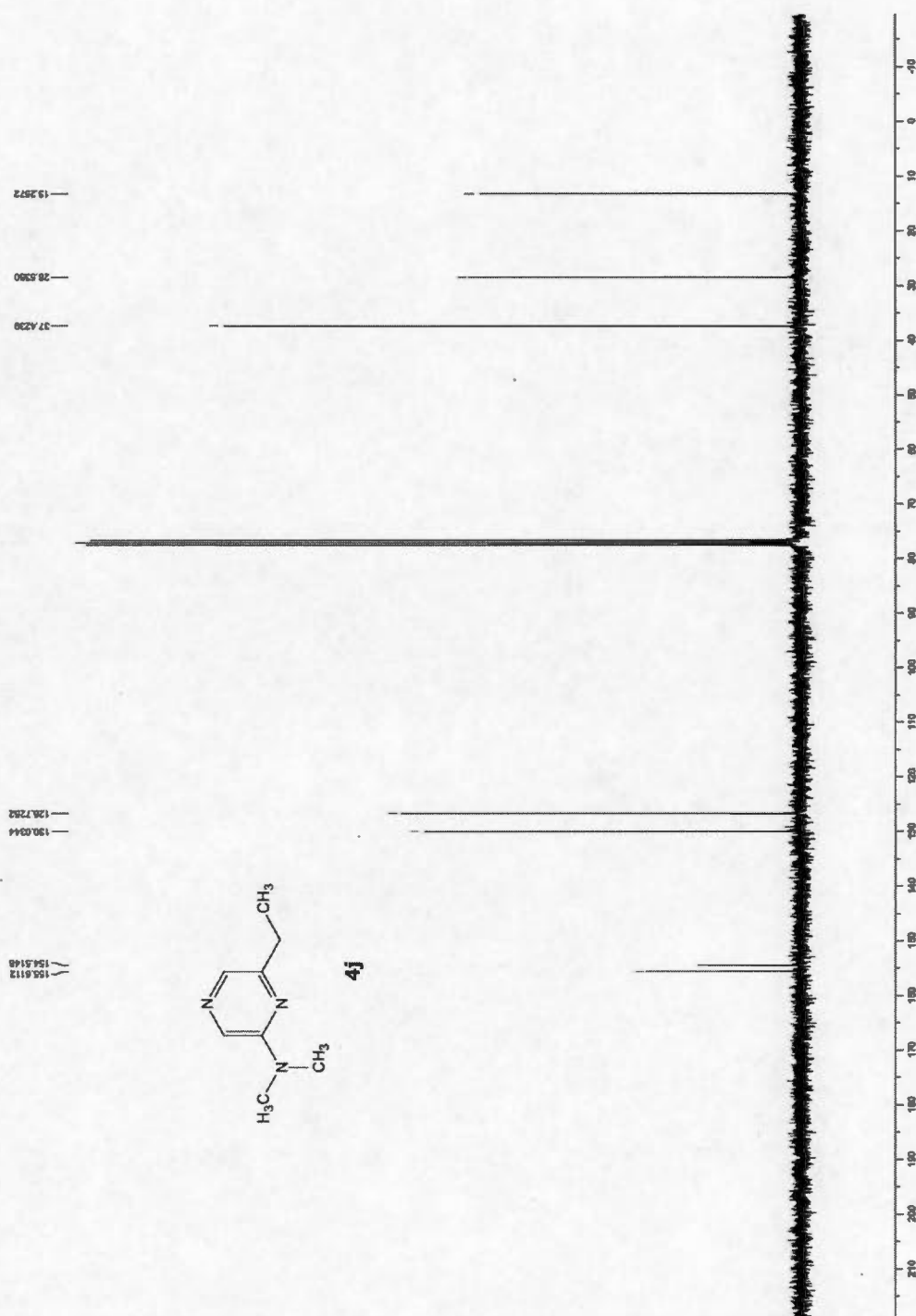


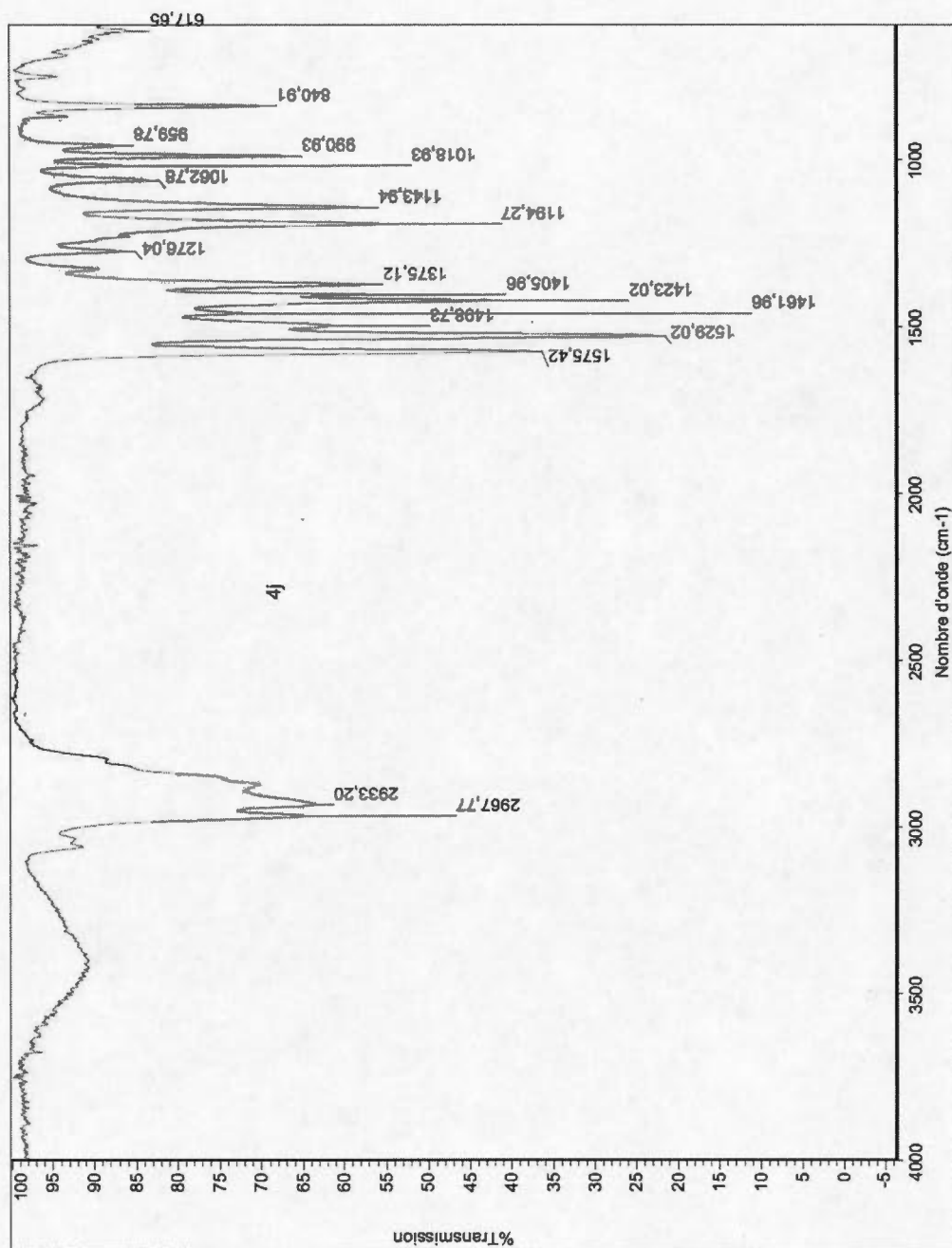












## ANNEXE C

### "PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CROSS-COUPPLING REACTION OF FUNCTIONALIZED ARYL- AND HETEROARYLBISMUTHANES WITH 2- HALO(OR 2-TRIFLYL)AZINES AND DIAZINES" ARTICLE

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The palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling of highly functionalized organobismuthanes with 2-halo(or 2-triflyl)pyridines, -pyrimidines, -pyrazines, and -pyridazines is reported. The reaction tolerates numerous functional groups, including al-

dehydes. The synthesis of a shelf-stable (formylphenyl)bismuth reagent and its use in a cross-coupling reaction is also described.

### Introduction

Azines and diazines are ubiquitous in pharmaceutical industry. Compounds that incorporate these heterocycles have been found to possess antimicrobial, antiviral, antioxidant, antitumoral, anti-inflammatory, and other activities.<sup>[1]</sup> Azines and diazines have also been used in the preparation of materials that show interesting electrical and optical properties.<sup>[2]</sup> Consequently, access to efficient and general methods that allow their preparation is of utmost importance.<sup>[3]</sup> To be applicable to the context of drug discovery, these methods should tolerate the presence of functional groups that can serve as handles for further transformation of the molecule.<sup>[4]</sup> Ideally, the protocol should also involve reagents that can be easily manipulated and should operate under simple conditions that can be amenable to parallel chemistry.<sup>[5]</sup>

The metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction between halogenated electrophiles and organometallic reagents has evolved into an extremely powerful approach for the installation of aromatic and heteroaromatic units onto a variety of scaffolds.<sup>[6]</sup> The cross-coupling of aryl- and heteroaryl-metal compounds with 2-halo(or 2-triflyl)azines and -diazines constitutes an attractive approach to access the corresponding 2-arylheterocycles. A few examples of cross-coupling reactions between organometallic reagents and 2-haloazines and -diazines have been reported.<sup>[7,8]</sup> However, many of these methods show modest substrate scope and require air- and moisture-sensitive reagents or complex catalysts. More importantly, limited functional group tolerance is often observed, particularly in the case of reactive

organometallic species such as organomagnesium reagents.<sup>[9]</sup> Although organostannanes are more tolerant to acidic and electrophilic groups,<sup>[10]</sup> their high toxicity combined with the fact that only one aryl group is usually transferred make them considerably less attractive. Coupling of 2-haloazines and -diazines with organozinc reagents offers a great solution to issues of functional group tolerance.<sup>[11]</sup> However, these species must imperatively be manipulated under inert and anhydrous conditions, which complicates their use in parallel chemistry. To the best of our knowledge, the most general methods for the transfer of aryl and heteroaryl units onto azines and diazines are those of Knochel<sup>[12,13]</sup> and Quéguiner.<sup>[14]</sup> However, as these procedures involve organomagnesium reagents, sensitive groups such as aldehydes and ketones cannot be present on either coupling partner.

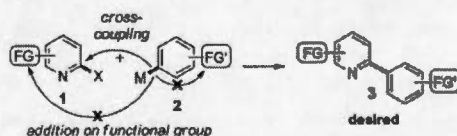
Organobismuthanes have found increasing use in bond formation owing to their unique properties and reactivity.<sup>[15]</sup> These organometallic reagents can be easily prepared,<sup>[16]</sup> chromatographed, and stored in air at room temperature. In addition, their low toxicity makes them extremely attractive species for methodology development. The low polarity of the C–Bi bond provides a moderate reactivity for this class of reagents, which thus allows the presence of numerous reactive or acidic functional groups on the electrophilic partner. Cross-coupling reactions involving triphenylbismuth was first reported by Barton et al. in 1988.<sup>[17]</sup> Recently, the groups of Rao,<sup>[18]</sup> Tanaka,<sup>[19]</sup> and others<sup>[20]</sup> have extended the scope of this reaction to include other organobismuthanes. However, to the best of our knowledge, the full potential of organobismuthanes in the transfer of highly functionalized groups onto 2-halo(or 2-triflyl)azines and -diazines has never been demonstrated.

We reported over the past years applications of trivalent<sup>[21,22]</sup> and pentavalent organobismuthanes<sup>[23]</sup> for the formation of C–C and C–N bonds. Recently, we disclosed the first palladium-mediated cross-coupling reaction of tri-

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alkylbismuth reagents with a variety of scaffolds possessing reactive functional groups, including one example involving a 2-chloropyridine.<sup>[24]</sup> We report herein our study on the cross-coupling reaction of 2-halo(or 2-triflyl)pyridines, -pyrazines, -pyrimidines, and -pyridazines with functionalized aryl- and heteroaryl-bismuthanes.

To have high value, we aimed for a protocol that would involve a simple catalyst, shelf-stable organometallic species and that would permit the cross-coupling between two units that both possess sensitive functional groups. Functionalized organometallics are extremely valuable species in organic synthesis.<sup>[25]</sup> However, one of the major issue consists in designing an organometallic reagent that will selectively react at the desired position of the heterocycle without attacking the functional groups present on the electrophile or on the organometallic species (Scheme 1). We report herein our results on the preparation of organobismuthanes that bear functionalized groups, that are shelf-stable and that can be used in palladium-catalyzed C–C bond-forming reactions.



Scheme 1. Chemoselectivity of a cross-coupling reaction between functionalized organometallic species and 2-halopyridines. FG, FG' = functional group; M = metal; X = halide or pseudohalide.

## Results and Discussion

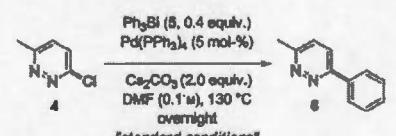
Before exploring functional group compatibility, we began by optimizing the reaction conditions for the coupling of triphenylbismuth (0.4 equiv.) with chlorodiazine **4**. Using conditions that we previously reported for the coupling of

tricyclopropylbismuth<sup>[21]</sup> and other trialkylbismuthanes,<sup>[24]</sup> we obtained 65% yield of desired product **6** (Table 1, Entry 1).

To assure that all three aryl groups were effectively transferred, we verified that the yield of product **6** was the same upon using 0.7 and 1.1 equiv. of triphenylbismuth (Table 1, Entries 2 and 3). The fact that similar yields were obtained demonstrate that all three phenyl groups were indeed transferred during the process. This well-established characteristic of triaryl-bismuth reagents makes them more atom-economical than other reagents such as aryltrialkyltin species. Performing the reaction at higher temperatures under thermal (Table 1, Entry 4) or microwave conditions (Table 1, Entry 5) did not lead to any improvement in the yield of the reaction. Doubling the catalyst loading (Table 1, Entry 6) or changing the system to favor oxidative addition in C–Cl bonds (Table 1, Entry 7; Cy = cyclohexyl) gave a performance similar to that of the standard conditions. Surprisingly, attempts at using Buchwald phosphanes did not provide any improvement in the yield of the reaction.<sup>[26]</sup> Although changing the solvent to *N*-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) or toluene gave a lower yield of the coupling product (Table 1, Entries 8 and 9), we found that the use of a 4:1 mixture of DMF/hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA) gave a noticeable improvement in the efficiency of the reaction (Table 1, Entry 10). To evaluate the importance of the base, we then conducted a reaction without cesium carbonate and obtained the desired product in 42% yield (Table 1, Entry 11); this suggests that – although the base is not essential – it is still required to achieve optimal yields. The results of the optimization of the reaction conditions demonstrate that the cross-coupling transformation can be accomplished by using very simple conditions and requires only approximately one third of an equivalent of the triaryl-bismuth reagent.

We next studied the substrate scope by using pyrazines **7**, pyrimidines **8**, pyridines **9**, and pyridazines **10** (Table 2).

Table 1. Optimization of the reaction conditions

		
Entry	Change from "standard conditions"	Isolated yield [%] <sup>[a]</sup>
1	no change	65
2	0.7 equiv. Ph <sub>3</sub> Bi instead of 0.4 equiv.	62
3	1.1 equiv. Ph <sub>3</sub> Bi instead of 0.4 equiv.	60
4	150 °C instead of 130 °C	50
5	170 °C (microwave) instead of 130 °C	36
6	10 mol-% Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> instead of 5 mol-%	60
7	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5 mol-%)/PCy <sub>3</sub> (10 mol-%) instead of Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	50
8	NMP instead of DMF	10
9	toluene instead of DMF	50
10	DMF/HMPA (4:1) instead of DMF	72
11	no base	42

[a] Yield of isolated pure product **6**.



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To compare the relative reactivity of these four classes of electrophiles, we performed all cross-coupling reactions by using triphenylbismuth under the optimal conditions found

in Table 1 (Entry 1, 2, or 10). We found that pyrazines smoothly underwent the cross-coupling reaction with  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}$  to provide the desired products in good to excellent yields

Table 2. Coupling of triphenylbismuth with halo(or triflyl)azines and -diazines.

7 or 8 or 9 or 10       $\xrightarrow[\text{conditions}]{\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}}$       11 or 12 or 13 or 14

X = Cl, Br, OTf

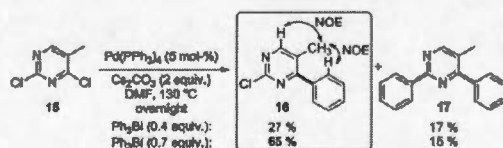
Entry	Conditions <sup>[a]</sup>	Electrophile	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	Entry	Conditions <sup>[a]</sup>	Electrophile	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
1	A			90	11	A			42
2	A			81	12	B			80
3	A			62	13	B			85
4	B			72	14	B			66
5	A <sup>[d]</sup>			62	15	B			80
6	A			65	16	A			45
7	B			90	17	A			62
8	A			50	18	A			30
9	C			76	19	A			90
10	A			50					

[a] Conditions A:  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}$  (0.4 equiv.),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (5 mol-%),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2 equiv.), DMF, 130 °C, overnight. Conditions B:  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}$  (0.7 equiv.),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (5 mol-%),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2 equiv.), DMF, 130 °C, overnight. Conditions C:  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}$  (0.4 equiv.),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (5 mol-%),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2 equiv.), DMF/HMPA (4:1), 130 °C, overnight. [b] Yield of isolated pure product. [c] 10 mol-% of  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  instead of 5 mol-%.

(Table 2, Entries 1–4). Electron-withdrawing and electron-donating groups had little impact on the outcome of the reaction (Table 2, Entry 3 vs. 4). We next turned our attention to pyrimidines and obtained a good yield of the desired product upon coupling triphenylbismuth with 2-chloro-5-ethylpyrimidine (8a; Table 2, Entry 5). We demonstrated previously that 2-chloropyridines are very competent electrophiles in cross-coupling reactions with trialkylbismuth reagents.<sup>[24]</sup> We wanted to extend the scope of the reaction to include bromo and triflyl derivatives. Our results show that 2-bromopyridines are generally more reactive than the 2-chloro analogues (e.g., 9b vs. 9a, 9e vs. 9f), which is consistent with a palladium-mediated pathway that involves oxidative addition in the C–X bond. In fact, 2-fluoropyridines failed to react under our conditions. Gratifyingly, 2-triflyl derivatives were found to have similar reactivity to the chloro analogues (e.g., 9i vs. 9a). These substrates can be easily accessed from the corresponding 2-hydroxypyridines. Finally, we performed the coupling reaction on 2-chloropyridazine (10a) and obtained desired product 14a in excellent yield (Table 2, Entry 19).

These results show that a great diversity of functional groups are tolerated in this reaction, including amines (Table 2, Entry 4), esters (Table 2, Entries 8, 10, and 11), aldehydes (Table 2, Entry 12), nitro groups (Table 2, Entry 16), nitriles (Table 2, Entries 3 and 17), and trifluoromethyl groups (Table 2, Entries 13 and 15). Even acidic and enolizable groups such as methyl ketones (Table 2, Entry 9) and alcohols (Table 2, Entry 18) are tolerated in this reaction. This is in sharp contrast to coupling reactions involving organomagnesium reagents in which these types of groups are generally incompatible with the very reactive nature of these organometallic species.

We next studied the regioselectivity of the cross-coupling reaction involving 2,4-dichloro-5-methylpyrimidine (15, Scheme 2). Upon using 0.4 equiv. of triphenylbismuth, a mixture of mono- and diphenyl products 16 and 17 was obtained in modest yield, and there was a slight preference for the compound resulting from the coupling at the 4-position (as indicated by NOE experiments). Fortunately, the yield of monophenyl compound 16 could be considerably ameliorated, without increasing the amount of diphenyl product 17, by using 0.7 equiv. of triphenylbismuth.



Scheme 2. Regioselectivity of cross-coupling between triphenylbismuth and 2,4-dichloro-5-methylpyrimidine (15).

To explore the full potential of organobismuthanes in the transfer of highly functionalized groups, we next prepared functionalized organobismuth reagents 18a–j and coupled

them with 2-chloroquinoxaline (7a, Table 3). In general, similar yields were obtained for triaryl-bismuthanes possessing electron-neutral (Table 3, Entries 1 and 7), electron-withdrawing (Table 3, Entries 3, 5, and 6), and electron-donating groups (Table 3, Entries 4 and 8). Under our standard conditions, *para*- (Table 3, Entries 1, 3, 6, and 8) and *meta*- (Table 3, Entries 4, 5, and 7) -substituted aryl groups were efficiently transferred by using the corresponding organobismuthanes. To our surprise, the coupling of *ortho*-substituted aryl groups proved to be more difficult than anticipated, as only a modest yield of the desired product was obtained (Table 3, Entry 2). Acid-sensitive groups such as acetals were well tolerated in this protocol (Table 3, Entries 7 and 8). Reactive electrophilic groups such as nitriles (Table 3, Entry 5) and esters (Table 3, Entry 6) were unaffected during the transformation, which demonstrates the mildness of the cross-coupling reaction with organobismuthanes. Finally, a 2-thienyl (Table 3, Entry 9) and a 3-quinolinyl (Table 3, Entry 10) unit were installed uneventfully on the quinoxaline by using our procedure.

Having established general conditions for the coupling of functionalized organobismuthanes with 2-haloazines and -diazines, we wanted to extend our methodology to the transfer of an aryl fragment that would bear a more reactive functional group such as an aldehyde. This particular functional group is highly reactive and is therefore incompatible with strong organometallic species such as organomagnesium reagents. However, owing to the mild reactivity of the C–Bi bond, we postulated that the aldehyde would be tolerated during the formation and the cross-coupling reaction of the organobismuthane. Only two examples of (formylaryl)bismuthanes have been reported in the literature, but the yields for their synthesis were low, and the species were not used in subsequent coupling reactions.<sup>[27]</sup>

To test the compatibility of aldehydes with organobismuthanes in the context of a palladium cross-coupling reaction, we sought to prepare a formylphenylbismuth reagent directly from 18g. The question we asked ourselves was how to liberate the aldehyde without breaking the C–Bi bond. To our great pleasure, tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthane (20) was obtained in 75% yield simply by exposing 18g to aqueous acidic conditions (Scheme 3). These results show that the C–Bi is strong enough to resist protic conditions. This reaction was performed successfully on a gram scale, and no decomposition was noticed after 1 month upon storing the reagent at room temperature in air. A limited number of organometallic reagents bearing formylaryl groups have been described in the literature,<sup>[28,29]</sup> and to the best of our knowledge, only three reports of the hydrolysis of acetals directly on the organometallic reagent could be found, those being with germanium,<sup>[30]</sup> antimony,<sup>[31]</sup> and mercury.<sup>[32]</sup>

To unequivocally confirm the structure of this new organometallic reagent, compound 20 was recrystallized. X-ray diffraction analysis revealed that the compound is pyramidal and has C–Bi–C angles of 92.02° and C–Bi bond lengths of 2.266 Å (Figure 1). The structure clearly shows the presence of three aryl groups each bearing a formyl moiety.

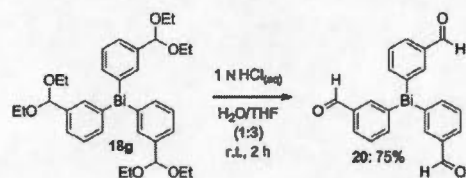
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Table 3. Cross-coupling of functionalized triaryl- and triheteroarylbi-muthanes **18a–j** with 2-chloroquinoxaline (**7a**).

Reaction conditions:  $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$  (5 mol-%),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2 equiv.), DMF, 130 °C overnight.

Entry	Organobismuthane	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[a]</sup>	Entry	Organobismuthane	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[a]</sup>
1			86	7			98
2			20	8			80
3			90	9			85
4			97	10			45
5			84				
6 <sup>[b]</sup>			80				

[a] Yield of isolated pure product. [b] 10 mol-% of  $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$  and 0.7 equiv. of  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$  were used.Scheme 3. Synthesis of tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthane (**20**).

We next verified the transferability of the formylphenyl group of **20** by conducting the cross-coupling reaction with pyrazine **7a** under our standard conditions and obtained the corresponding cross-coupling product **21** in 80% isolated yield (Scheme 4).

Isolated examples of cross-coupling reactions leading to the transfer of a formylaryl group on azines and diazines have been reported.<sup>[33–36]</sup> However, to the best of our knowledge, the only general methods for the coupling of

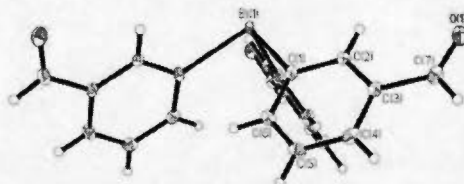
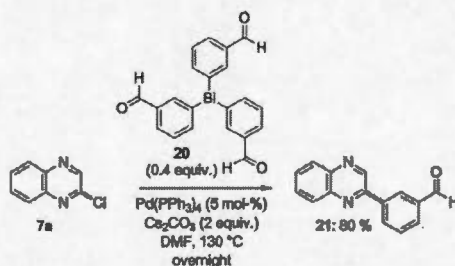


Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of compound 20. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.



Scheme 4. Cross-coupling reaction between (formylphenyl)bismuth 20 and 2-chloroquinoline (7a).

highly functionalized aryl groups (including formylaryl) are those developed by Knochel that involve organozinc<sup>[37]</sup> and organoindium reagents.<sup>[38]</sup> Contrary to organozinc species, organobismuthanes are not moisture-sensitive and can be manipulated in air.

## Conclusions

We have developed an efficient protocol for the cross-coupling of functionalized aryl- and heteroaryl-bismuth reagents with 2-halo (or 2-triflyl)pyridines, -pyrimidines, -pyrazines, and -pyridazines bearing reactive moieties. This method involves shelf-stable organobismuthanes and proceeds under simple conditions to provide the desired coupling products in good to excellent yields. All three aryl groups are transferred from the bismuthane in the course of the coupling process. The coupling on 2,4-dichloropyrimidines is regioselective and affords mainly the mono-phenyl product resulting from the reaction at the 4-position. We demonstrated that functional group manipulation directly on the organobismuth species is possible and gives access to functionalized aryl groups that are challenging to transfer such as formylaryl groups. The cross-coupling of a formylphenyl group was efficiently accomplished by using our protocol. Studies on the derivatization of organobismuthanes and their use in cross-coupling reactions with other electrophiles are in progress in our laboratory. Results will be reported in due course.

## Experimental Section

**Typical Procedure for the Cross-Coupling Reaction between Organobismuthanes and 2-Chloro-, 2-Bromo-, and 2-Triflyl(dif)azines:** In a sealed tube, the 2-halo(2-triflyl)azine or -diazine (0.30 mmol) was dissolved in dry *N,N*-dimethylformamide (4.5 mL). Cesium carbonate (0.60 mmol) was added, followed by tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (0.015 mmol) and the arylbismuth reagent (0.12 mmol). Argon was bubbled into the reaction mixture for 5 min. The tube was sealed and heated at 130 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium hydrogen carbonate (50 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium hydrogen carbonate (2 × 50 mL) and brine (2 × 50 mL), dried with sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding product.

CCDC-949485 (for 20) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

**Supporting Information** (see footnote on the first page of this article): Experimental details, characterization data, and copies of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of all key intermediates and final compounds.

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ANNEXE D

"PALLADIUM-CATALYZED CROSS-COUPPLING REACTION OF  
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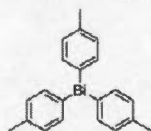
## 1. General information

All reactions were run under argon atmosphere in non flame dried glassware. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents were used without further purification. Grignard reagents were purchased from Aldrich or prepared using conventional methods with metallic magnesium or via Knochel's procedure<sup>1</sup> and were titrated prior use.<sup>2</sup> Triphenylbismuth and anhydrous bismuth chloride 99.999% were purchased from Strem Chemicals. Anhydrous solvents were obtained using a MBRAUN (model MB-SPS 800) encapsulated solvent purification system. The evolution of reactions was monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography using silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates. Flash chromatography was performed employing 230-400 mesh silica (Silicycle) using the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques.<sup>3</sup> Microwave irradiation was conducted using a Biotage® Initiator microwave system. Melting points were taken on an Electrothermal Mel-TEMP and are uncorrected. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C) were recorded on a Bruker Avance-III 300MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform,  $\delta$  7.27 ppm, DMSO  $\delta$  2.54 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant *J* in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane using the central peak of deuteriochloroform (77.00 ppm) as the internal standard. All <sup>13</sup>C spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet 6700 PT-IR from thin films and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). HRMS were performed at Université du Québec à Montréal on Agilent Technologies, LC 1200 Series / 6210 TOF LCMS analyzer using the electrospray (ESI) mode.

## 2. General procedure for the preparation of triarylbi-muthanes

Bismuth chloride (500 mg, 1.6 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (23 mL) and was cooled to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  (ice-acetone bath). The organomagnesium reagent (5.23 mmol) was slowly added dropwise under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (r.t.) for one hour and heated at  $65^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 minutes. After cooling to r.t., the solution was diluted with sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (2 x 100 mL), brine (2 x 100 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the indicated solvent system to afford the desired triarylbi-muth.

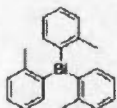
### Tris(4-methylphenyl)bismuthine (18a)



The general procedure was followed on a 1.6 mmol scale starting from  $\text{BiCl}_3$  and *p*-tolylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18a** as a white solid (430 mg, 60%); m.p.  $119\text{--}120^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>4</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$

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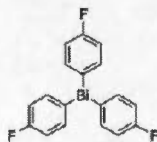
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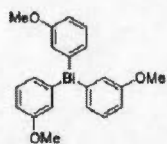
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### Tris(4-fluorophenyl)bismuthine (18c)

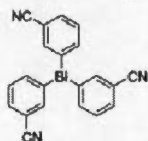


The general procedure was followed on a 1.6 mmol scale starting from  $\text{BiCl}_3$  and 4-fluorophenyl magnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18c** as a white solid (615 mg, 80%); m.p.  $93\text{--}94^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>4</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (dd,  $J$

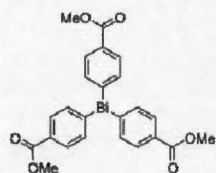
$= 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H).

**Tris(3-methoxyphenyl)bismuthine (18d)**

The general procedure was followed on a 1.6 mmol scale starting from  $\text{BiCl}_3$  and 3-methoxyphenyl magnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18d** as a yellow solid (732 mg, 86%); m.p. 95–100°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>4</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.37–7.31 (m, 3H), 6.85–6.82 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H).

**Tris(3-cyanophenyl)bismuthine (18e)**

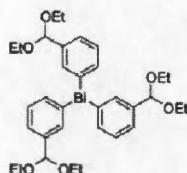
*Preparation of 3-benzonitrile magnesium bromide using Knochel's procedure<sup>1</sup>:* A solution of *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl (4.6 mL, 6.0 mmol, 1.3M in THF) was cooled to –20°C, and 3-bromobenzonitrile (1.0 g, 5.5 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at –20°C. The general procedure was then followed on a 1.65 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18e** as a yellow oil (389 mg, 20%);  $R_f$  0.11 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dt,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dt,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.1, 141.4, 140.5, 132.0, 131.3, 118.7, 115.2; IR (neat) 3407, 3047, 2230, 1545, 1393; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{BiN}_3$ : 515.0835, found ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ )<sup>+</sup> 516.0908.

**Tris(4-carbomethoxyphenyl)bismuthine (18f)**

*Preparation of (4-carbomethoxyphenyl)magnesium bromide using Knochel's procedure<sup>1</sup>:* A solution of *i*-PrMgCl•LiCl (21.2 mL, 16.8 mmol, 1.3M in THF) was cooled to –50°C, and methyl 4-bromobenzoate (4.0 g, 15 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at –50°C. The general procedure was then followed on a 4.5 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18f** as a yellow solid (1.3 g, 60%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>4</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H).

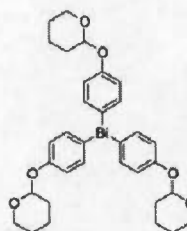
**Tris(3-(diethoxymethyl)phenyl)bismuthine (18g)**

The general procedure was followed on a 6.4 mmol scale starting from  $\text{BiCl}_3$  and 3-(benzaldehyde diethylacetal)magnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18g** as a yellow oil (4.2 g, 88%);  $R_f$  0.69 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.33 (m, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 3.62–3.43 (m, 4H), 1.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.2, 140.5, 137.5, 135.7, 130.3, 126.1, 101.7, 61.0, 15.2; IR



(neat) 3647, 2983, 2874, 1699, 1433, 1108, 1045; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{33}H_{45}BiO_6$ : 746.3020, found  $(M+Na)^+$  769.2912.

#### Tris(4-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yloxy)phenyl)bismuthine (18h)



The general procedure was followed on a 1.6 mmol scale starting from  $BiCl_3$  and 4-(2-tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yloxy)phenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18h** as a white solid (650 mg, 55%);  $R_f$  0.44 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.55 (t,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.78–3.73 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.12 (m, 1H), 2.01–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.84–1.72 (m, 3H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  156.9, 138.9, 118.8, 96.4, 62.3, 30.5, 25.4, 19.0; IR

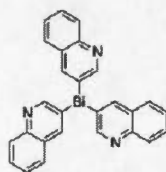
(neat) 3020, 2941, 2871, 1580, 1485, 1232.

#### Tris(2-thienyl)bismuthine (18i)



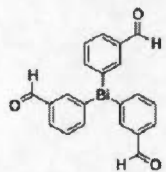
The general procedure was followed on a 1.6 mmol scale starting from  $BiCl_3$  and 2-thienylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18i** as a yellow solid (387 mg, 53%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>4</sup> T. decomp 250°C;  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (dd,  $J$  = 4.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 3.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J$  = 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H).

#### Tris(3-quinoliny)bismuthine (18j)



The general procedure was followed on a 1.6 mmol scale starting from  $BiCl_3$  and 3-quinolylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18j** as a colorless oil (743 mg, 80%);  $R_f$  0.61 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.90 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dt,  $J$  = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dt,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  150.8, 145.8, 136.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 127.1, 126.5, 116.7; IR (neat) 3059, 1581, 1498, 1311, 1071.

#### Tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthine (20)



$H_2O$  (26 mL) and HCl 1N (10 mL) were added at room temperature to a stirred solution of tris(3-(diethoxymethyl)phenyl)bismuthane (2.0 g, 2.8 mmol) (**18g**) in THF (50 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1h and then diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq.  $NaHCO_3$  (50 mL) and sat. aq.




NaCl (3 x 50 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **20** as a white solid (991 mg, 75%); m.p.  $125^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  0.29 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dt,  $J = 7.7, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.4, 156.1, 143.50, 138.4, 138.0, 131.5, 129.9; IR (neat) 3032, 2839, 2732, 1695, 1575, 1553, 1382, 1193; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BiO}_3$ : 524.0825, found  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  525.0898.

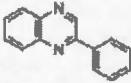
### 3. General procedure for the cross-coupling reaction between triarylbismuthanes and 2-chloro, 2-bromo, and 2-triflyl azines and diazines

Compounds **6**, **11a-11d**, **12a**, **13a-13m**, **14a**, **16**, **17**, **19a-19j** and **21** were prepared according to the following procedure: In a sealed tube, the starting bromide, chloride or triflate (0.30 mmol) was dissolved in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (4.5 mL). Cesium carbonate (198 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added, followed by tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (18 mg, 0.015 mmol) and triarylbismuth or triheteroaryl bismuth reagent (60 mg, 0.12 mmol). Argon was bubbled in the reaction mixture for 5 minutes. The tube was sealed and heated at  $130^\circ\text{C}$  for 18h. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., diluted with sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (50 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate (2 x 50 mL), brine (2 x 50 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using hexanes/ethyl acetate as the eluent to afford the corresponding product.

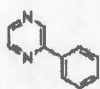
#### 3-Methyl-6-phenylpyridazine (**6**)

 The general procedure was followed on a 0.39 mmol scale starting from 3-chloro-6-methylpyridazine (**4**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6** as a white solid (47 mg, 72%); m.p.  $56-58^\circ\text{C}$ . Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>5</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H).

#### 2-Phenylquinoxaline (**11a**)

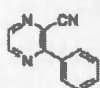
 The general procedure was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (**7a**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **11a** as a yellow solid (57 mg, 91%); m.p.  $78-79^\circ\text{C}$ . Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>5</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.31 (s, 1H), 8.20-8.10 (m, 4H), 7.79-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.47 (m, 3H).



**2-Phenylpyrazine (11b)**

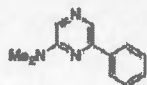
The general procedure was followed on a 0.44 mmol scale starting from 2-chloropyrazine (7b). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **11b** as a white solid (55 mg, 81%); m.p. 72-73°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.61 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.43 (m, 3H).

**2-Cyano-3-phenylpyrazine (11c)**

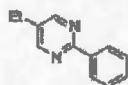
The general procedure was followed on a 0.36 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-3-cyanopyrazine (7c). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **11c** as a colorless oil (40 mg, 62%); *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.39 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.84 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.2, 146.6, 143.1, 134.5, 131.2, 129.2, 128.1, 116.5; IR (neat) 3060, 2919, 2850, 2235, 1547; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 181.0640, found (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 182.0718.

**2-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)-6-phenylpyrazine (11d)**

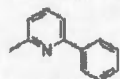
The general procedure was followed on a 0.32 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-6-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)pyrazine (7d). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **11d** as a yellow oil (45 mg, 72%); *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.22 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.38 (m, 3H), 3.20 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.3, 149.2, 137.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0,

126.8, 37.5; IR (neat) 3037, 2919, 2895, 1603, 1529, 1426; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 199.1109, found (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 200.1257.

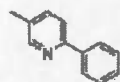
**5-Ethyl-2-phenylpyrimidine (12a)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.35 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-5-ethylpyrimidine (8a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (1.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **12a** as a colorless oil (40 mg, 62%); *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.64 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.65 (s, 2H), 8.42-8.39 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 3H), 2.67 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.8, 156.8, 137.8, 134.3, 130.5, 128.7, 128.0, 23.6,

15.1; IR (neat) 3015, 2965, 2928, 1586, 1427.

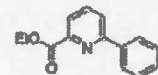
**2-Methyl-6-phenylpyridine (13a)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.39 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-6-methylpyridine (9a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13a** as a colorless oil (43 mg, 65%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.99 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.05 (m, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H).

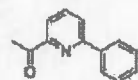
**3-Methyl-6-phenylpyridine (13b)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from 2-bromo-5-methylpyridine (9b). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13b** as a colorless oil (43 mg, 90%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>8</sup>

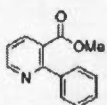
The general procedure was also followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from 5-methyl-2-trifluoromethylsulfonatepyridine (9i). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13b** as a colorless oil (23 mg, 66%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.52 (s, 1H), 7.97 (dt,  $J$  = 7.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

**Ethyl 6-phenylpyridine-2-carboxylate (13c)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.22 mmol scale starting from ethyl 6-bromo-2-pyridine carboxylate (9c). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13c** as a yellow solid (24 mg, 50%); m.p. 53-55°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09-8.01 (m, 3H), 7.91-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 3H), 4.48 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

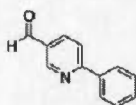
**2-Acetyl-6-phenylpyridine (13d)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.25 mmol scale starting from 2-acetyl-6-bromopyridine (9d). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13d** as a yellow solid (46 mg, 76%); m.p. 59-61°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>10</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.10 (dt,  $J$  = 6.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (dd,  $J$  = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 3H), 2.83 (s, 3H).

**Methyl 2-phenylpyridine-3-carboxylate (13e)**

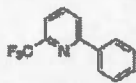
The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from methyl 2-bromopyridine-3-carboxylate (9e). The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13e** as a yellow oil (24 mg, 50%).

The general procedure was also followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 2-chloropyridine-3-carboxylate (9f). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13e** as a yellow oil (26 mg, 42%);  $R_f$  0.37 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.78 (dd,  $J = 3.8, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.7, 158.9, 151.4, 140.1, 138.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.1, 121.7, 52.5; IR (neat) 3025, 2950, 1725, 1581, 1426, 1282; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$ : 213.0790, found (M+H) $^+$  214.0972.

**3-Carboxaldehyde-6-phenylpyridine (13g)**

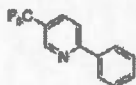
The general procedure was followed on a 0.35 mmol scale starting from 6-chloro-3-carboxaldehydepyridine (9g). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13g** as a white solid (50 mg, 80%); m.p. 58-59°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>11</sup>

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.13 (s, 1H), 9.13 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.09-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 3H).

**2-Phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (13h)**

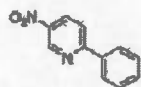
The general procedure was followed on a 0.28 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-6-trifluoromethylpyridine (9h). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13h** as a yellow solid (52 mg, 85%); m.p. 50-55°C;  $R_f$  0.71

(20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.09 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.0, 138.2, 137.9, 129.9, 129.1, 127.3, 123.6, 122.9, 118.6; IR (neat) 3330, 2922, 2831, 1596, 1462, 1451, 1344; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{N}$ : 223.0609, found (M+H) $^+$  224.0689.

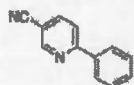
**2-Phenyl-5-trifluoromethylpyridine (13j)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.17 mmol scale starting from 2-trifluoromethylsulfonate-5-trifluoromethylpyridine (9j). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13j** as a colorless oil (30 mg, 80%).

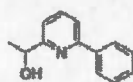
Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>12</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.95 (s, 1H), 8.03 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.98 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 3H).

**3-Nitro-6-phenylpyridine (13k)**

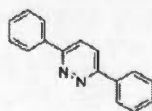
The general procedure was followed on a 0.25 mmol scale starting from 2-bromo-5-nitropyridine (**9k**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13k** as a yellow solid (21 mg, 45%); m.p. 119-121°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>13</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.49 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 3H).

**3-Cyano-6-phenylpyridine (13l)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.36 mmol scale starting from 6-chloro-3-pyridinecarbonitrile (**9l**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13l** as a white solid (40 mg, 62%); m.p. 95-100°C; *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.48 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.93 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.98 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.6, 152.6, 140.0, 137.5, 130.7, 129.2, 127.5, 120.1, 117.1, 108.0; IR (neat) 3051, 3047, 2238, 1589, 1469, 1444, 1376; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 180.0687, found (*M*+H)<sup>+</sup> 181.0766.

**α-Methyl-6-phenyl-2-pyridinemethanol (13m)**

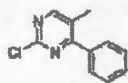
The general procedure was followed on a 0.25 mmol scale starting from 1-(6-bromo-2-pyridinyl)ethanol (**9m**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13m** as a yellow oil (13 mg, 26%). Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.95-4.93 (m, 1H), 4.78-4.77 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H).

**3,6-Diphenylpyridazine (14a)**

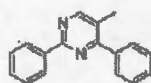
The general procedure was followed on a 0.25 mmol scale starting from 3-chloro-6-phenylpyridazine (**10a**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **14a** as a yellow solid (53 mg, 90%); m.p. 221-223°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 4H), 7.94 (s, 2H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 6H).

**2-Chloro-5-methyl-4-phenylpyrimidine (16) and 2,4-Diphenyl-5-methylpyrimidine (17)**

The general procedure was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 2,4-dichloro-5-methylpyrimidine (**15**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **16** as a white solid (39 mg, 65%) and **17** as a white solid (10 mg, 15%).

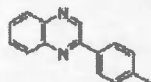


2-Chloro-5-methyl-4-phenylpyrimidine (16):  $R_f$  0.47 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.48 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); nOe experiment: irradiation of the signal at 2.38 ppm yielded nOe transfers to peaks at 8.48 and 7.61 ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.1, 161.3, 159.1, 136.7, 130.1, 129.0, 128.6, 126.8, 16.7; IR (neat) 3006, 2985, 2926, 1555, 1442, 1436.



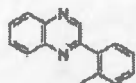
2,4-Diphenyl-5-methylpyrimidine (17):  $R_f$  0.59 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (s, 1H), 8.52-8.48 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 6H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.9, 162.6, 159.2, 138.5, 137.8, 130.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 125.6, 17.1.

#### 2-(4-Methylphenyl)quinoxaline (19a)



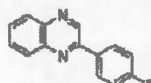
The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (7a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19a** as a yellow solid (58 mg, 86%); m.p. 92-93°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>16</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.29 (s, 1H), 8.15-8.08 (m, 4H), 7.78-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

#### 2-(2-Methylphenyl)quinoxaline (19b)



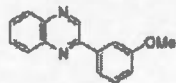
The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (7a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19b** as a yellow solid (9 mg, 20%); m.p. 91-92°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>17</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.01 (s, 1H), 8.18-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

#### 2-(4-Fluorophenyl)quinoxaline (19c)



The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (7a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2.5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19c** as a white solid (61 mg, 90%); m.p. 120-122°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>18</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.65 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.61 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H).

#### 2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)quinoxaline (19d)

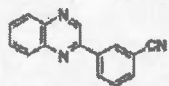


The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (7a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5%



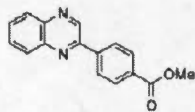
EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19d** as a yellow solid (70 mg, 97%); m.p. 87-88°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.17-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.79-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H).

#### 2-(3-Cyanophenyl)quinoxaline (19e)



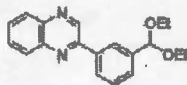
The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (**7a**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19e** as a white solid (45 mg, 84%); m.p. 155-160°C; *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.28 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.40 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.3, 142.5, 142.2, 142.0, 138.0, 133.3, 131.5, 131.2, 130.9, 130.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.3, 118.4, 113.6; IR (neat) 3058, 2923, 2846, 2230, 1546; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 231.0796, found (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 232.0843.

#### 2-(4-(Carboxymethyl)phenyl)quinoxaline (19f)



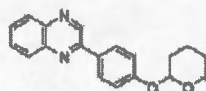
The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (**7a**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19f** as a yellow solid (63 mg, 80%); m.p. 141-143°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>19</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.27-8.17 (m, 3H), 8.16-8.09 (m, 3H), 7.81-7.72 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

#### 2-(2-(diethoxymethyl)quinoxaline (19g)



The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (**7a**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19g** as a yellow oil (70 mg, 98%); *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.47 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.17-8.09 (m, 3H), 7.79-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73-3.54 (m, 4H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.8, 144.3, 143.5, 142.3, 141.6, 140.3, 136.8, 130.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 127.6, 125.9, 101.4, 61.3, 15.3; IR (neat) 3062, 2969, 2921, 2873, 1542, 1186, 1002; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 308.1525, found (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 309.1579.

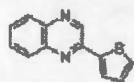
#### 2-(2-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yloxy)quinoxaline (19h)



The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (**7a**). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19h** as a yellow solid (65 mg, 80%); *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.43 (20%

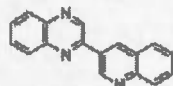
EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.32 (s, 1H), 8.20-8.10 (m, 4H), 7.81-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 5.57 (t,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.64 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.62 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.9, 151.5, 143.2, 142.4, 141.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.1, 129.5, 128.9, 117.0, 96.2, 62.0, 30.2, 25.2, 18.6; IR (neat) 3015, 2941, 1604.

#### 2-(2-thienyl)quinoxaline (19i)



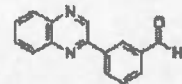
The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (7a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19i** as an off white solid (55 mg, 85%); m.p. 117-120°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>20</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.22 (s, 1H), 8.06 (dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd,  $J = 3.8, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd,  $J = 3.4, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 5.1, 3.8$  Hz, 1H).

#### 2-(2-(3-quinolinyl)quinoxaline (19j)



The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (7a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **19j** as a yellow solid (26 mg, 45%); m.p. 214-215°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound.<sup>21</sup>  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.87 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.52 (dt,  $J = 6.9, 1.1$  Hz, 1H).

#### 2-(2-(3-formylphenyl)quinoxaline (21)

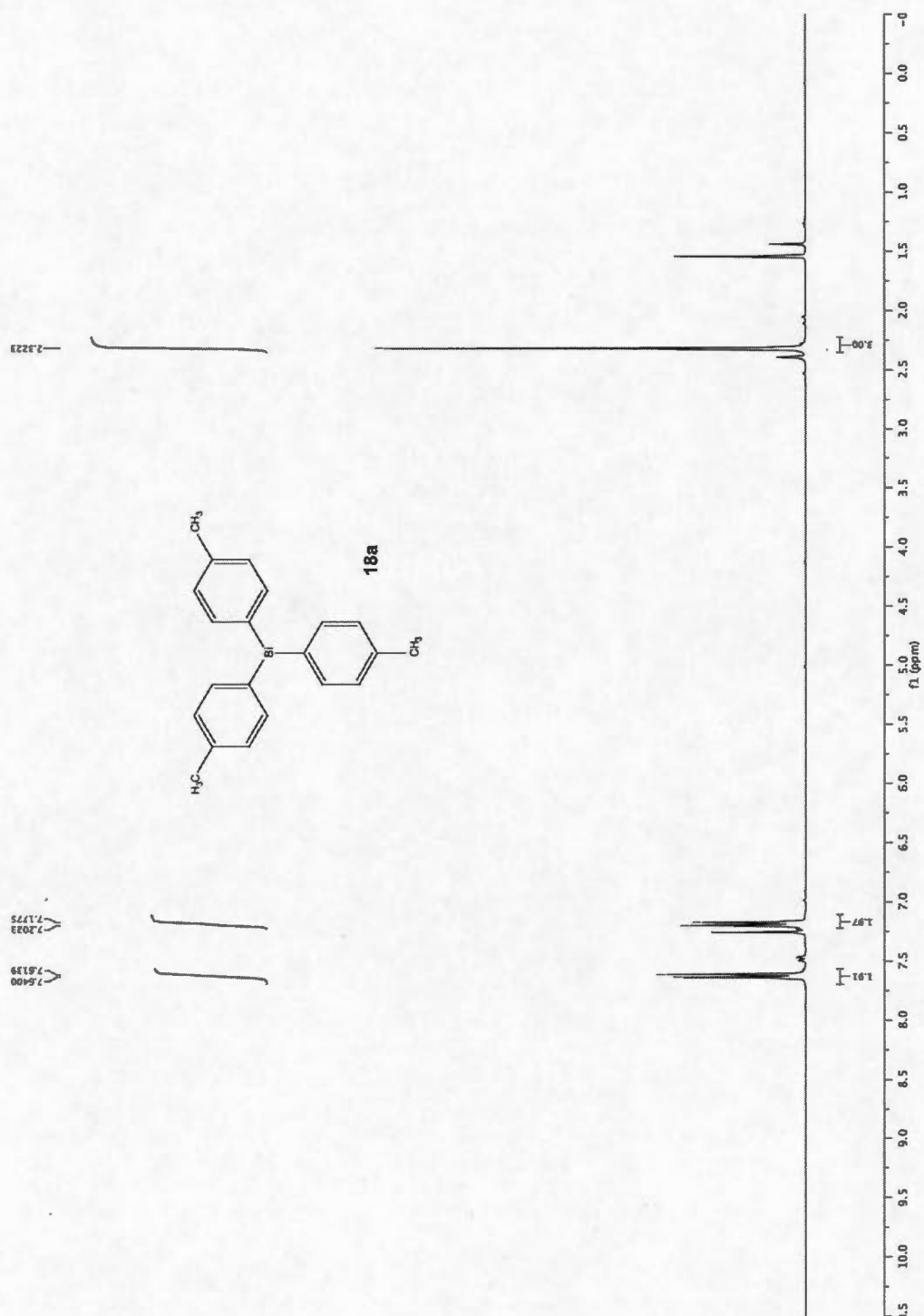


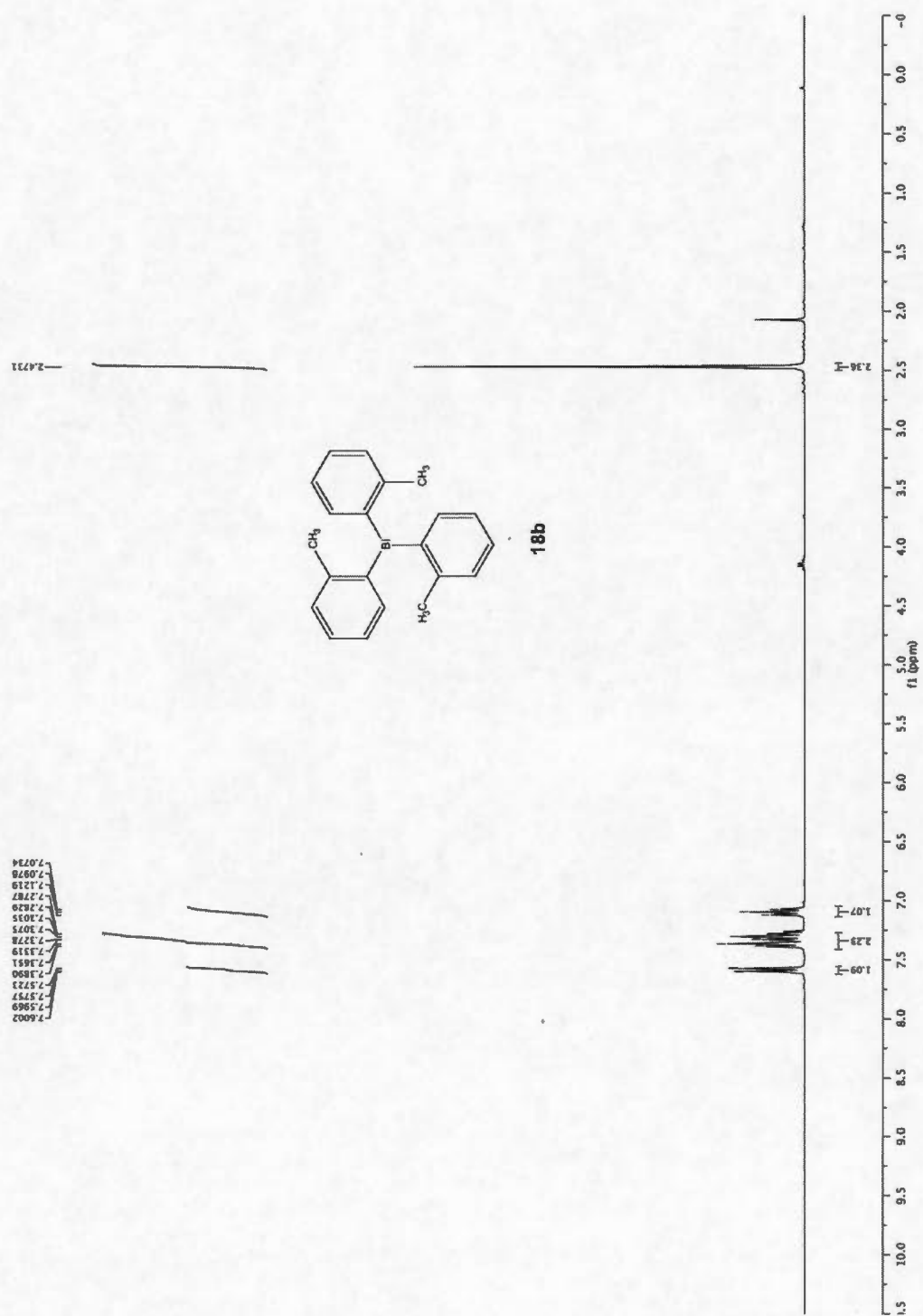
The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 2-chloroquinoxaline (7a). The crude material was purified on silica gel (2% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21** as a yellow solid (43 mg, 80%); m.p. 120-123°C;  $R_f$  0.36 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.15 (s, 1H), 9.36 (s, 1H), 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.69 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.9, 150.3, 142.9, 142.2, 141.9, 137.8, 137.2, 133.2, 131.0, 130.7, 130.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8; IR (neat) 3054, 2811, 2726, 1700, 1584, 1538, 1179; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 234.0793, found  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  235.083

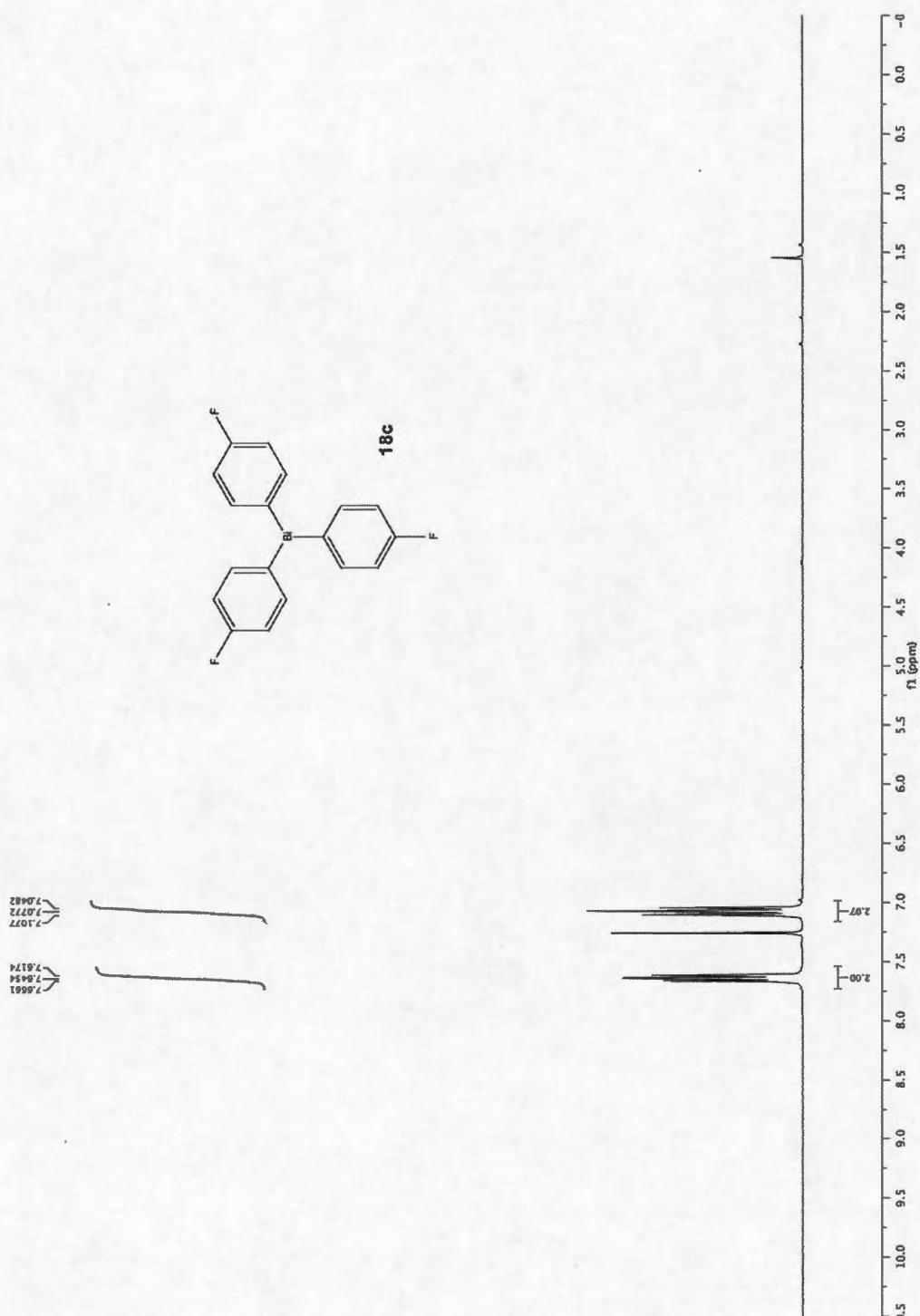


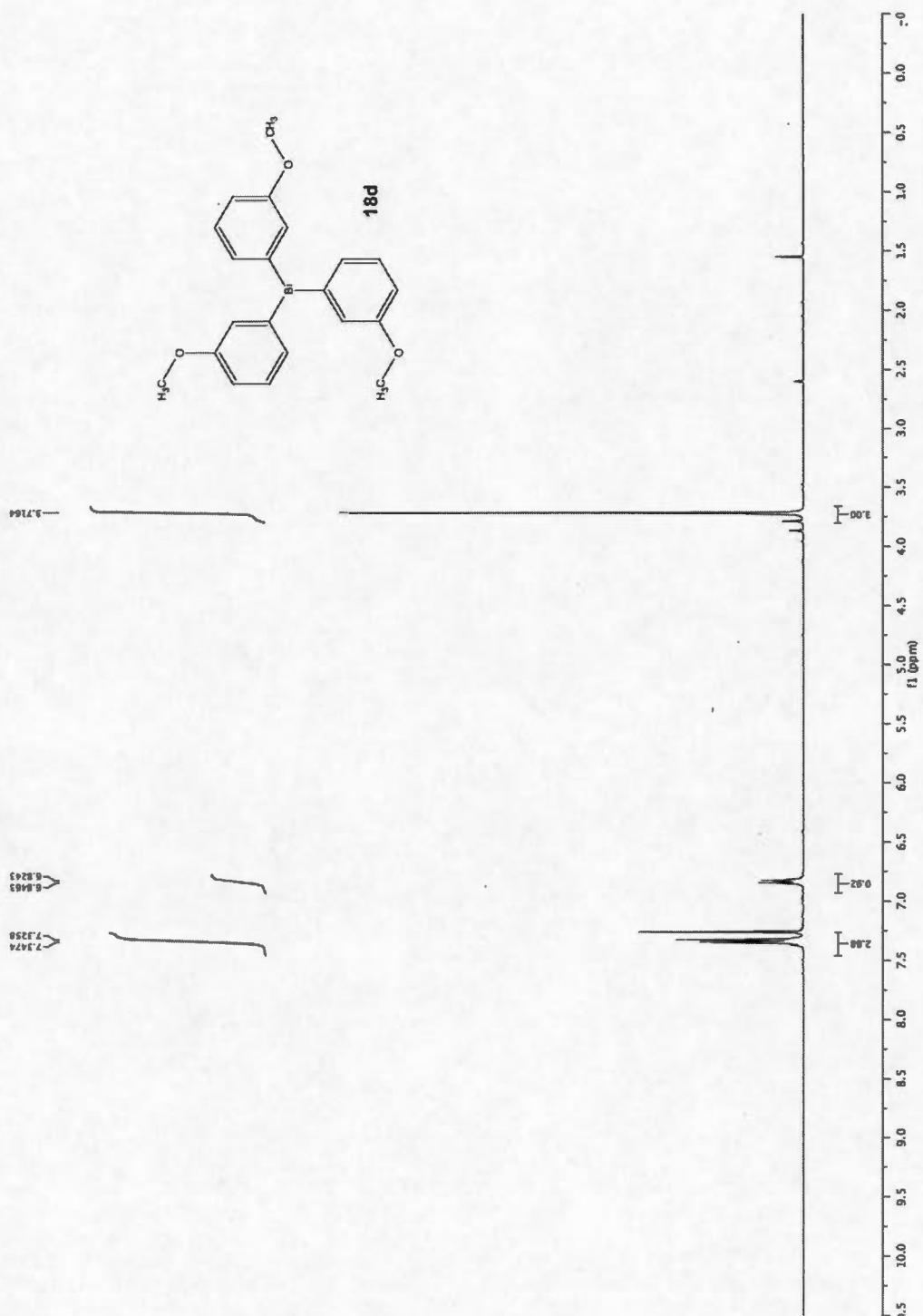
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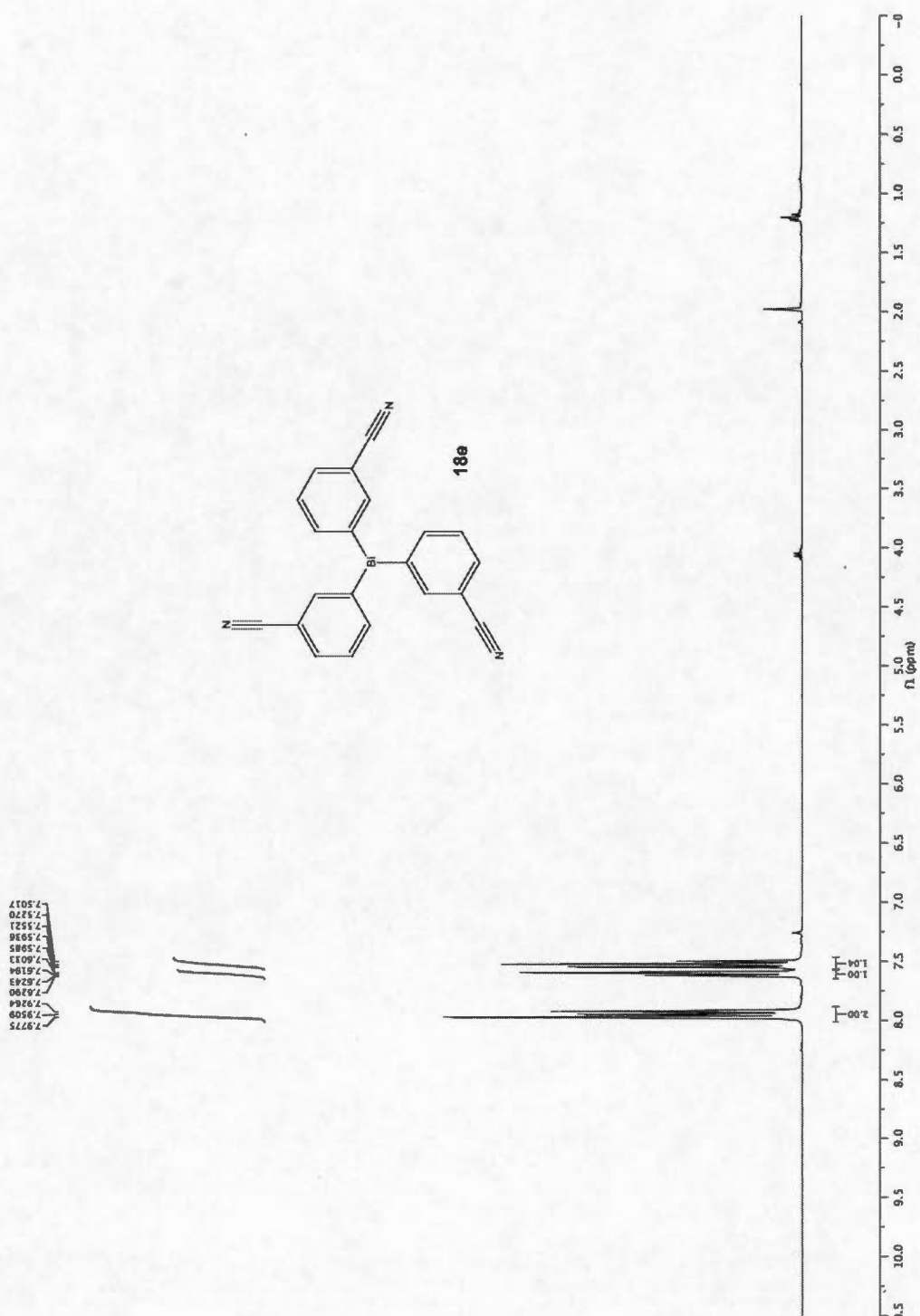
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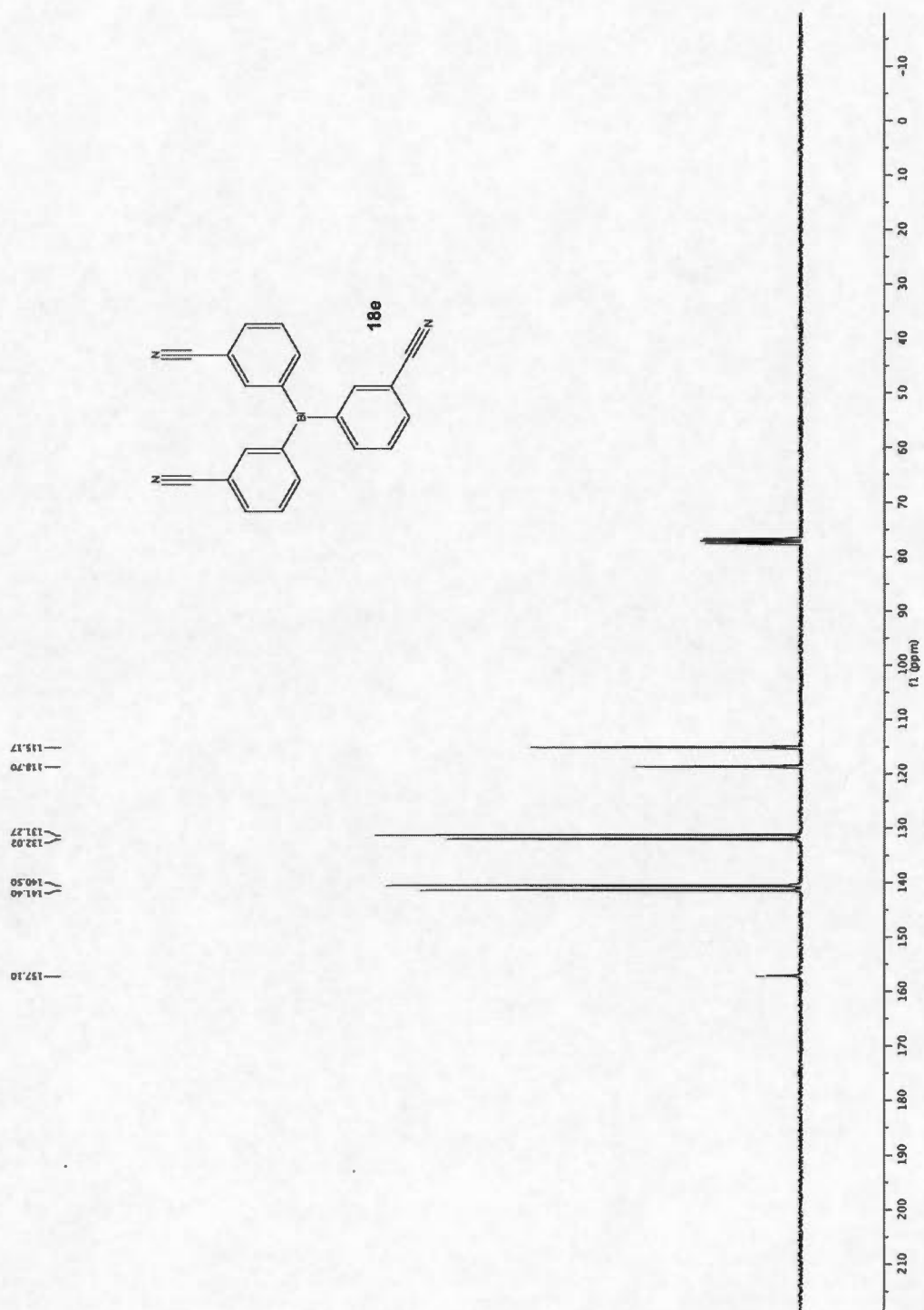




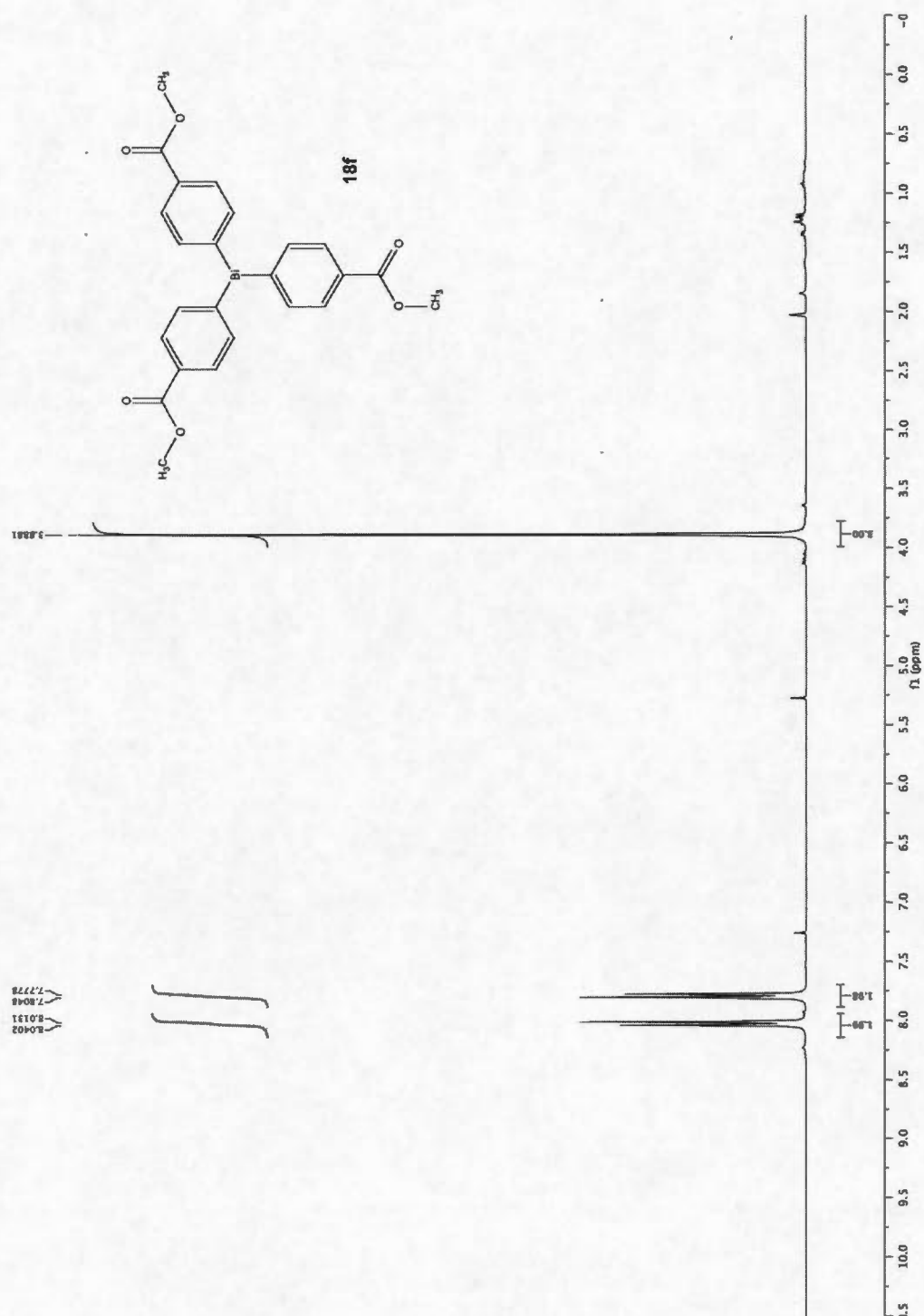


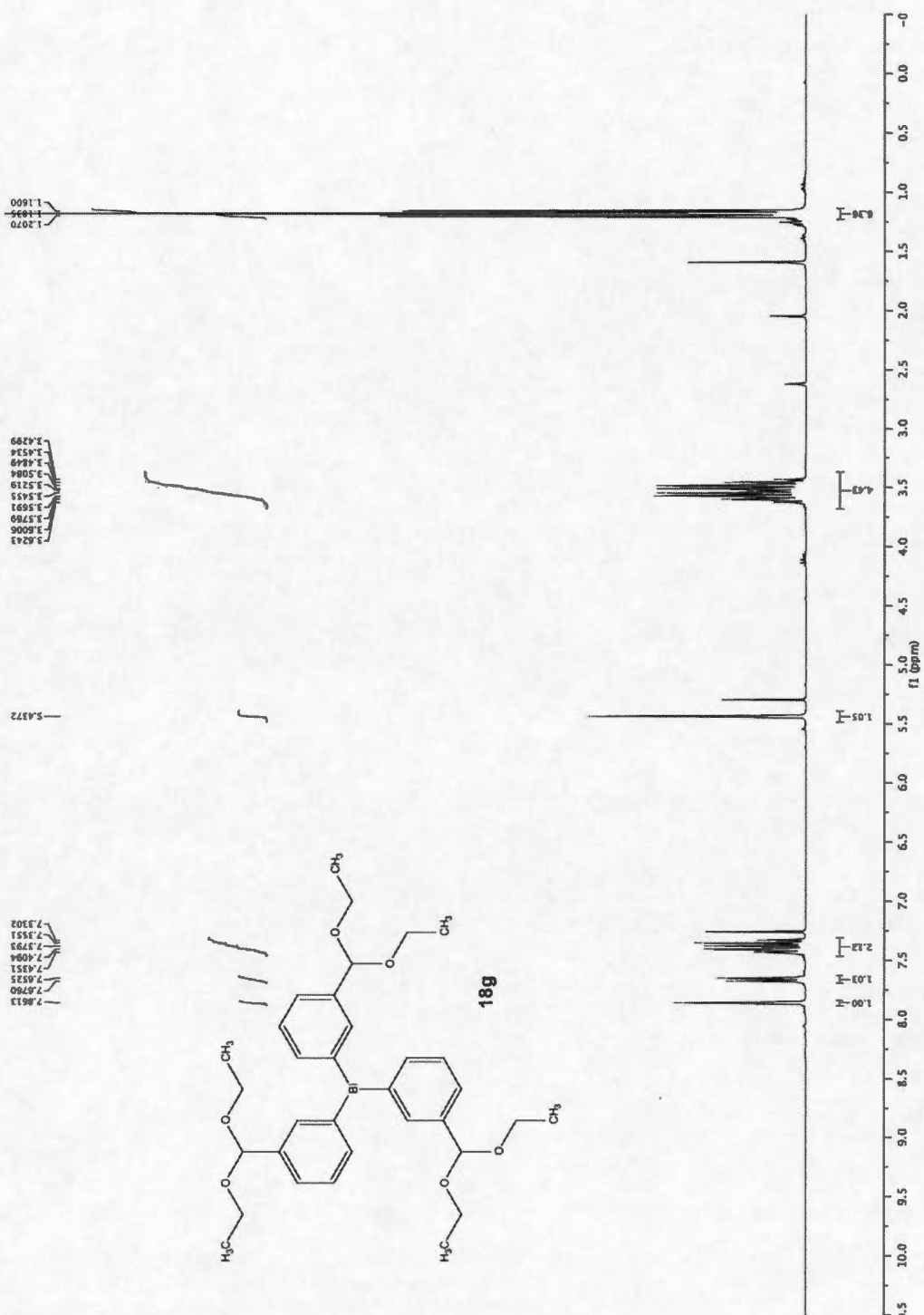


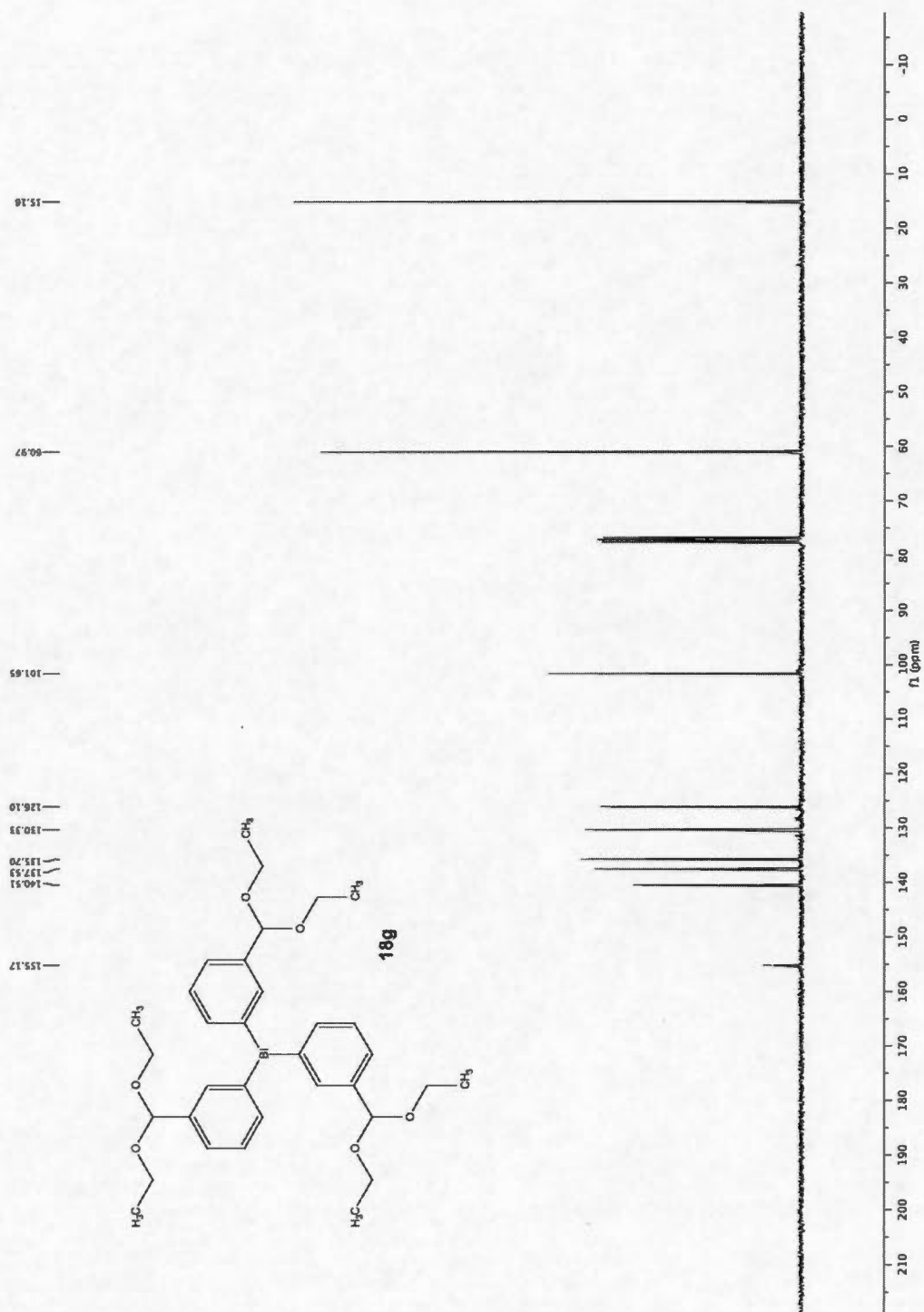


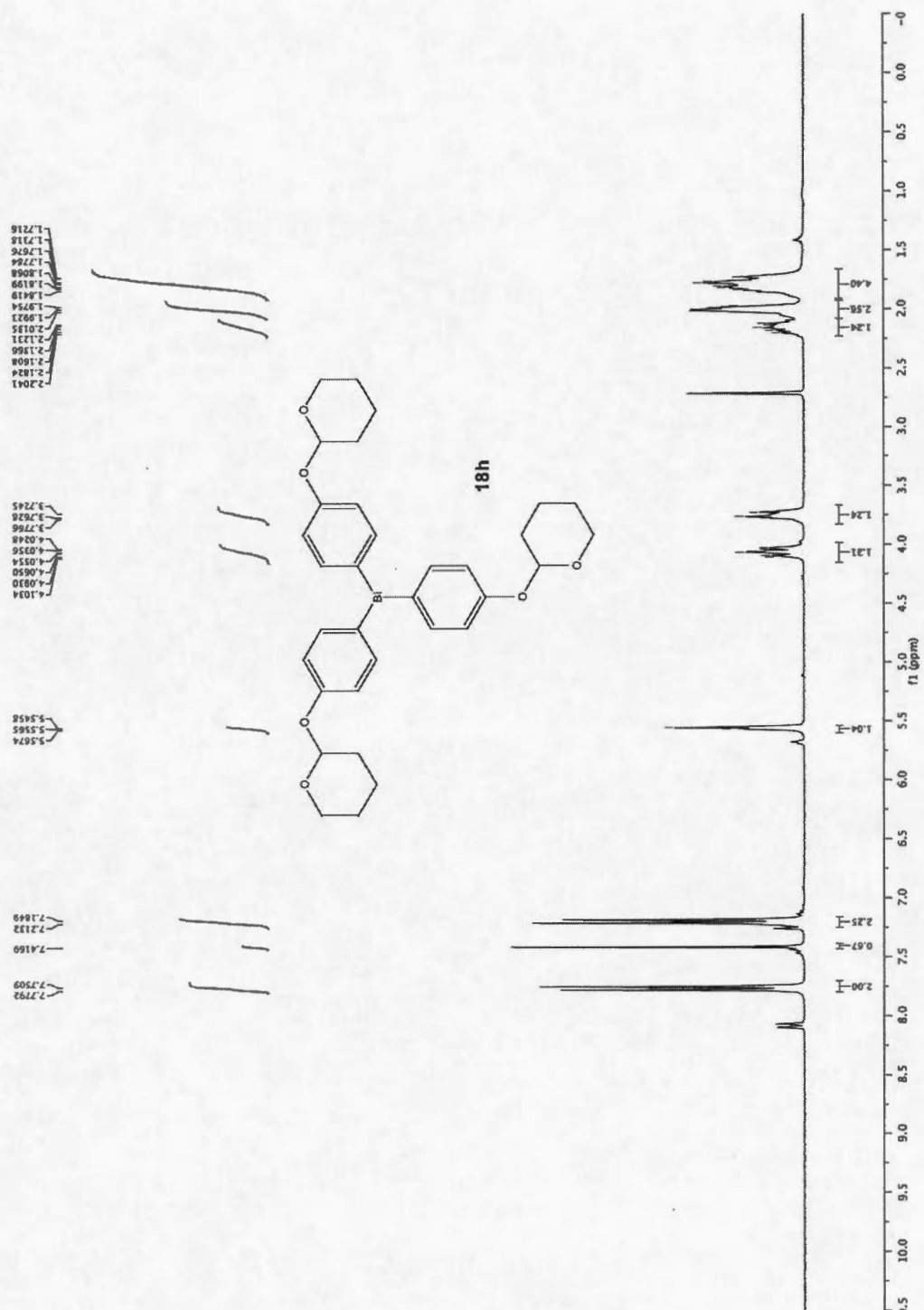


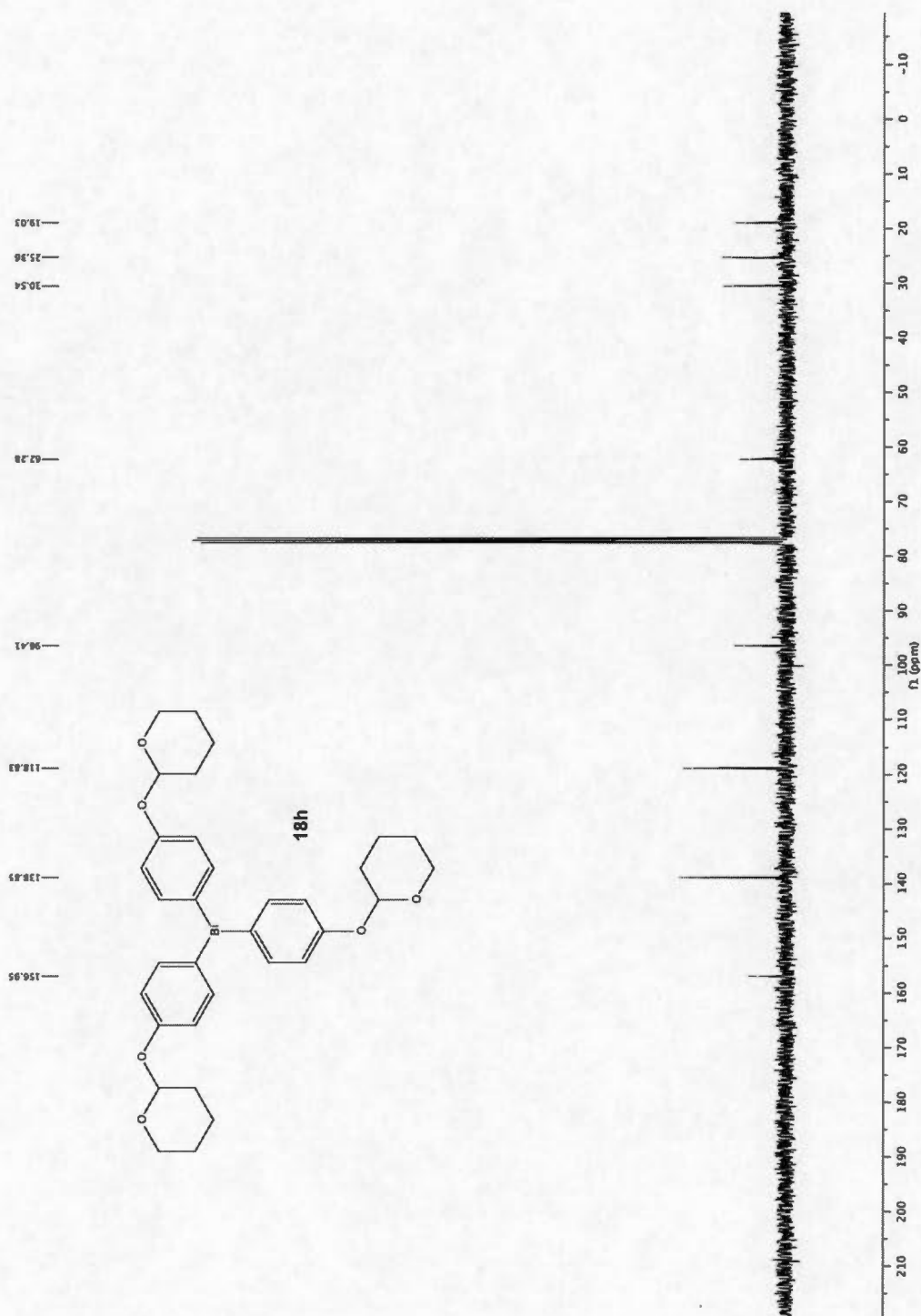


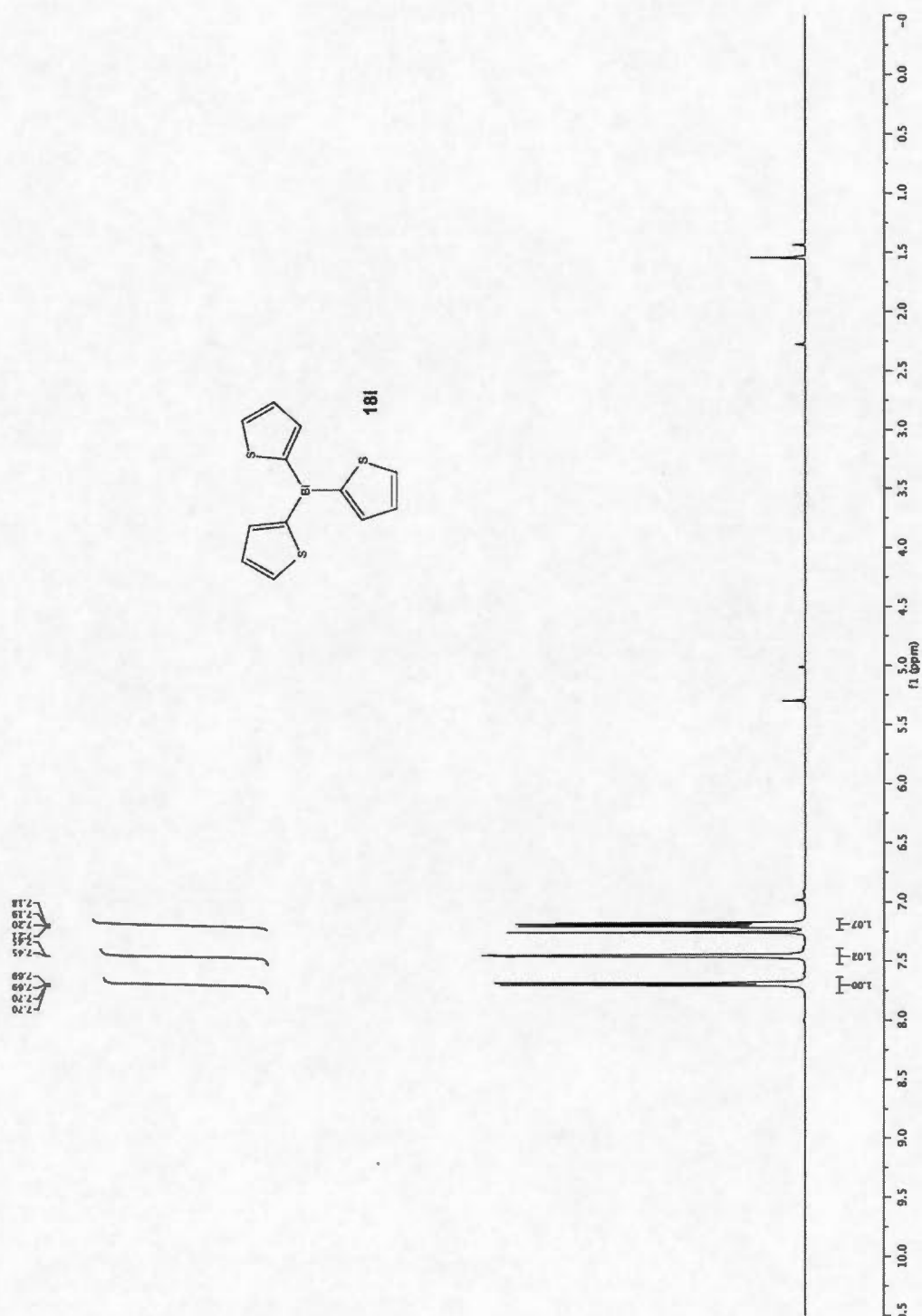


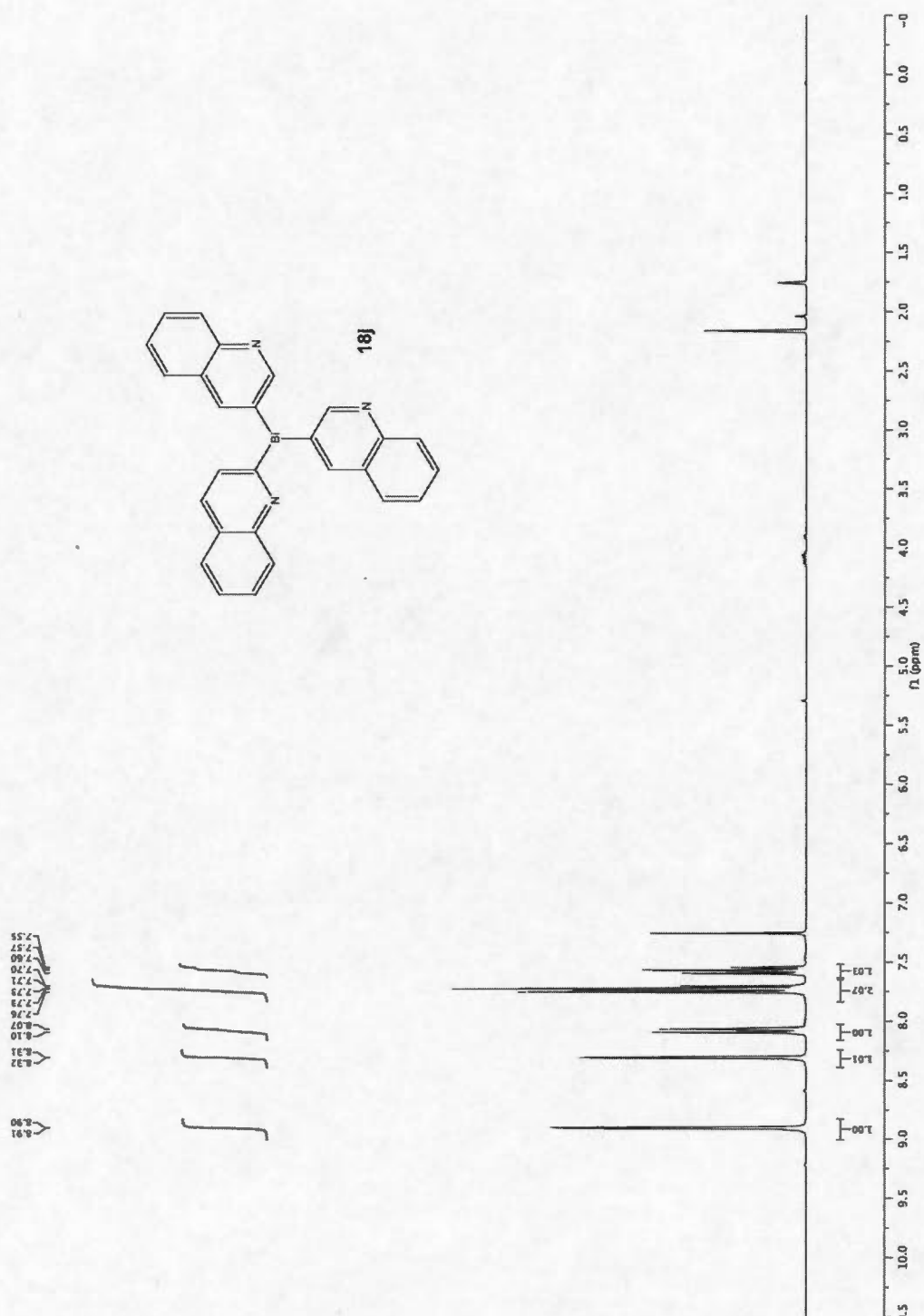




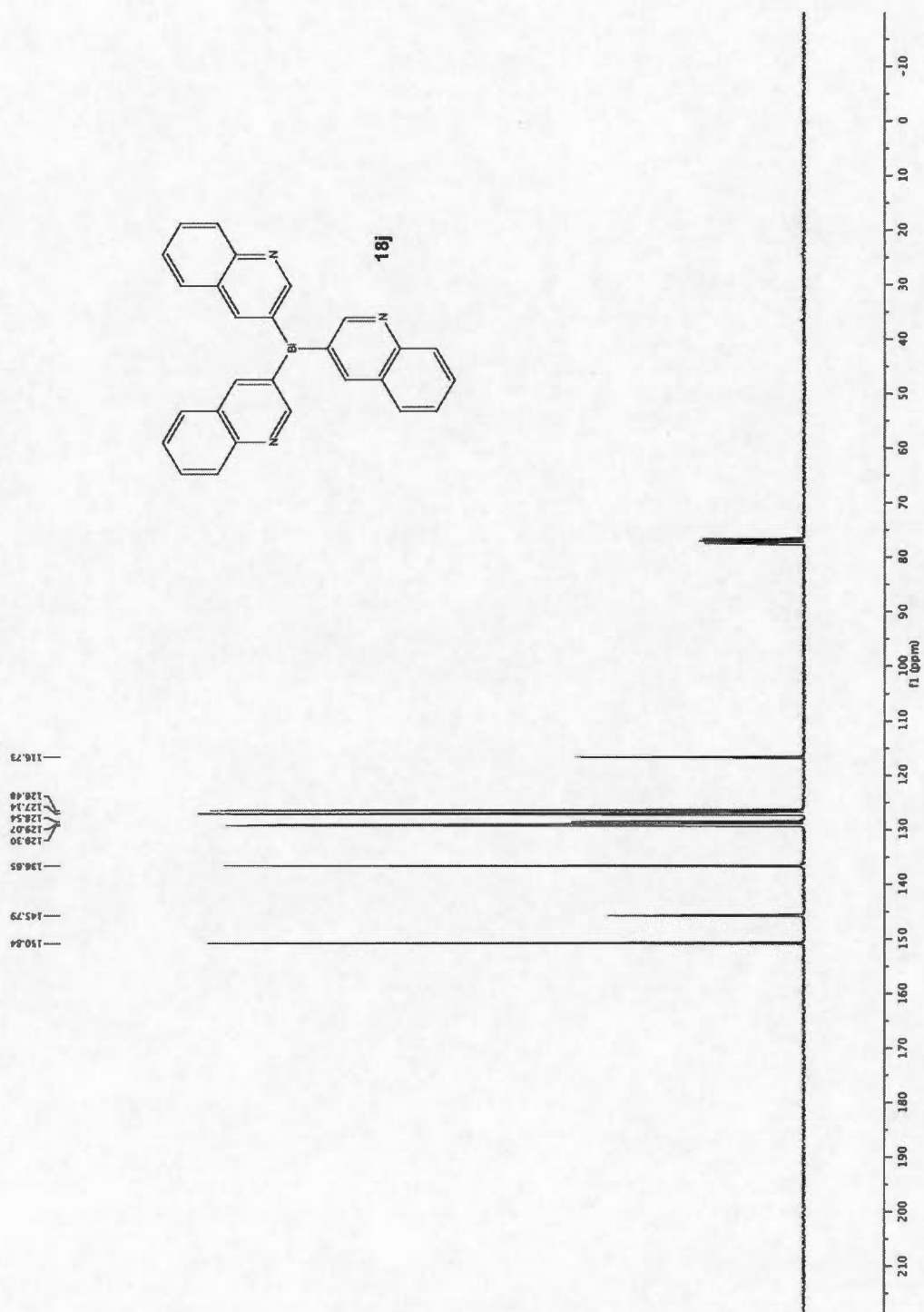




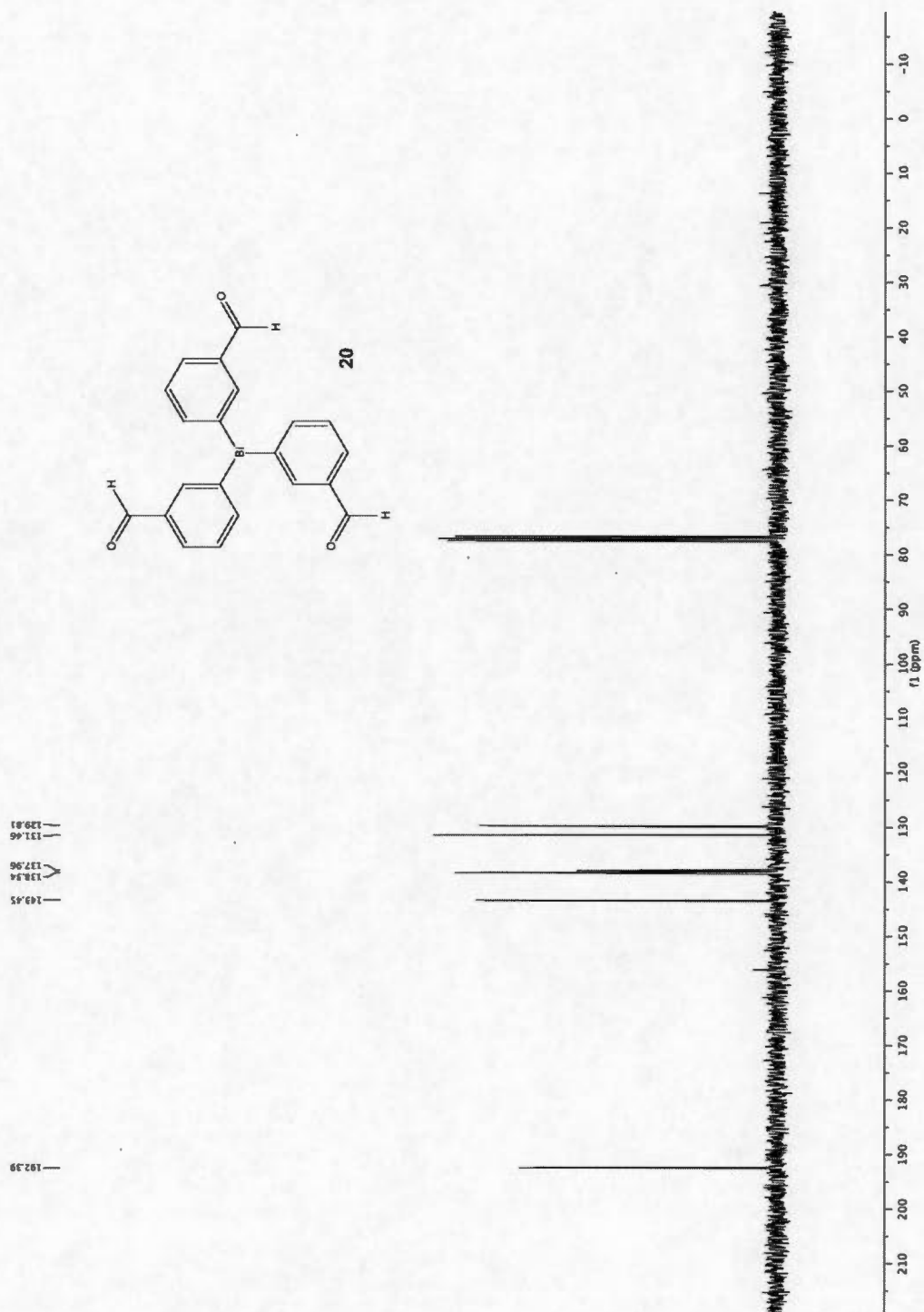


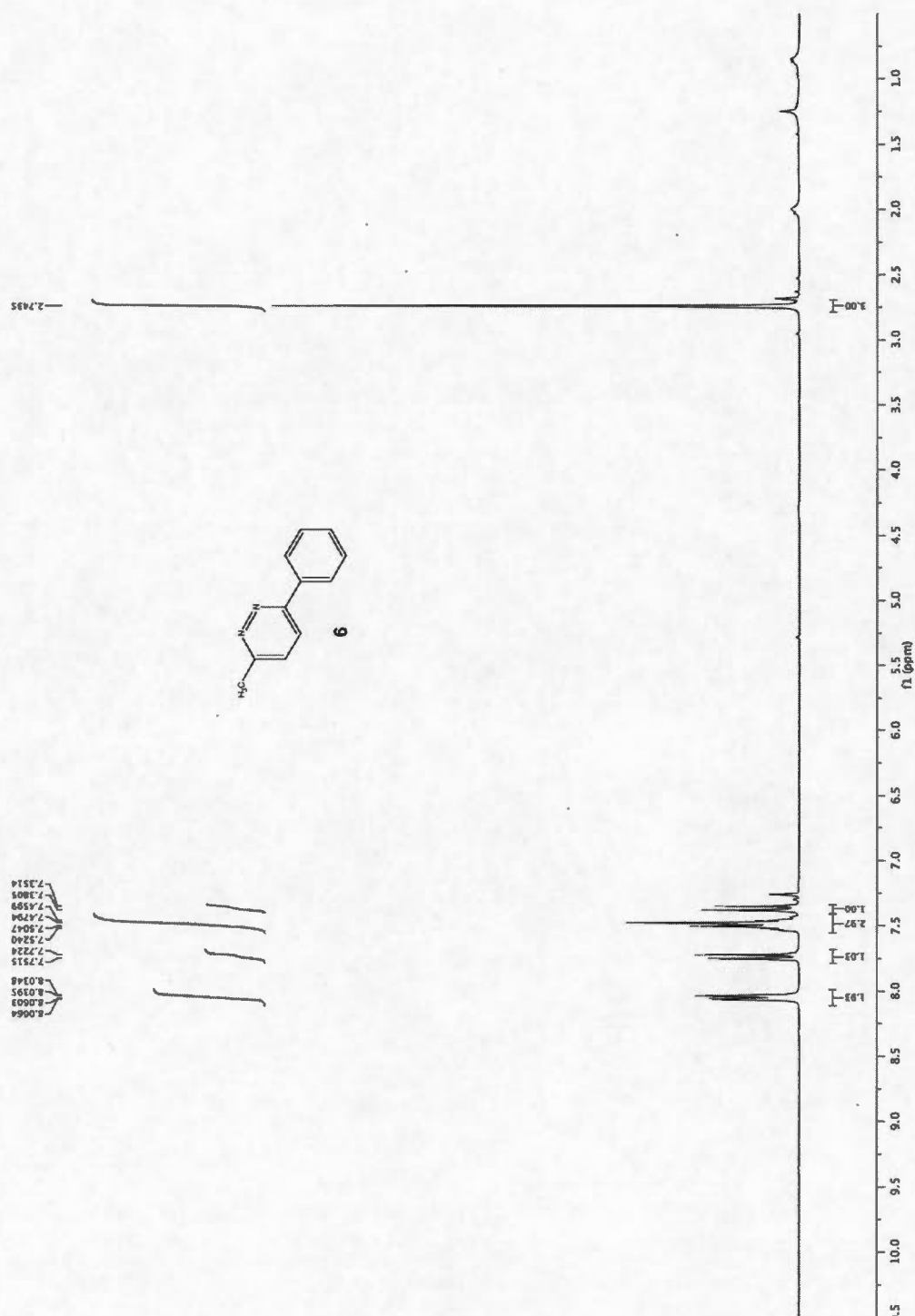


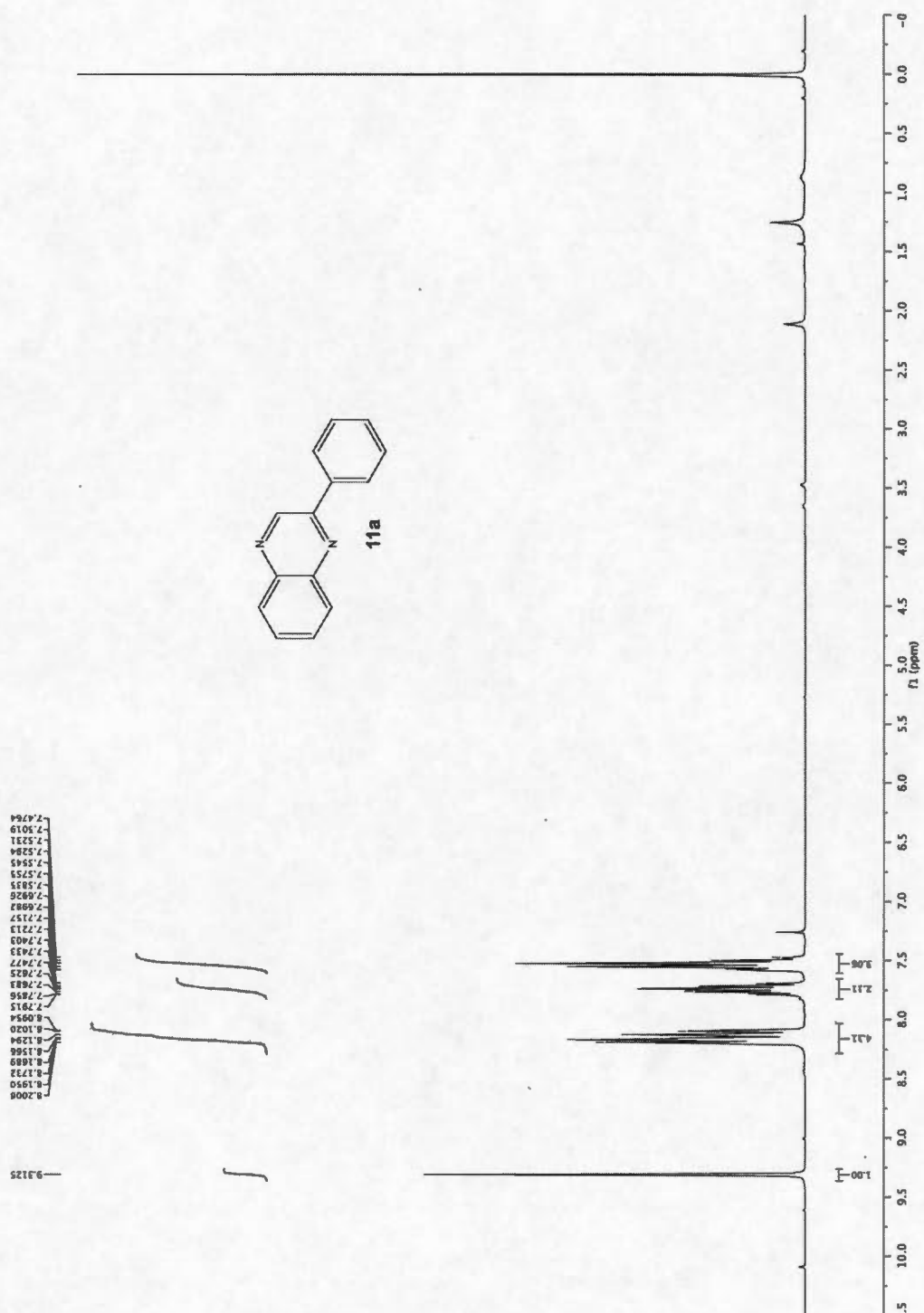


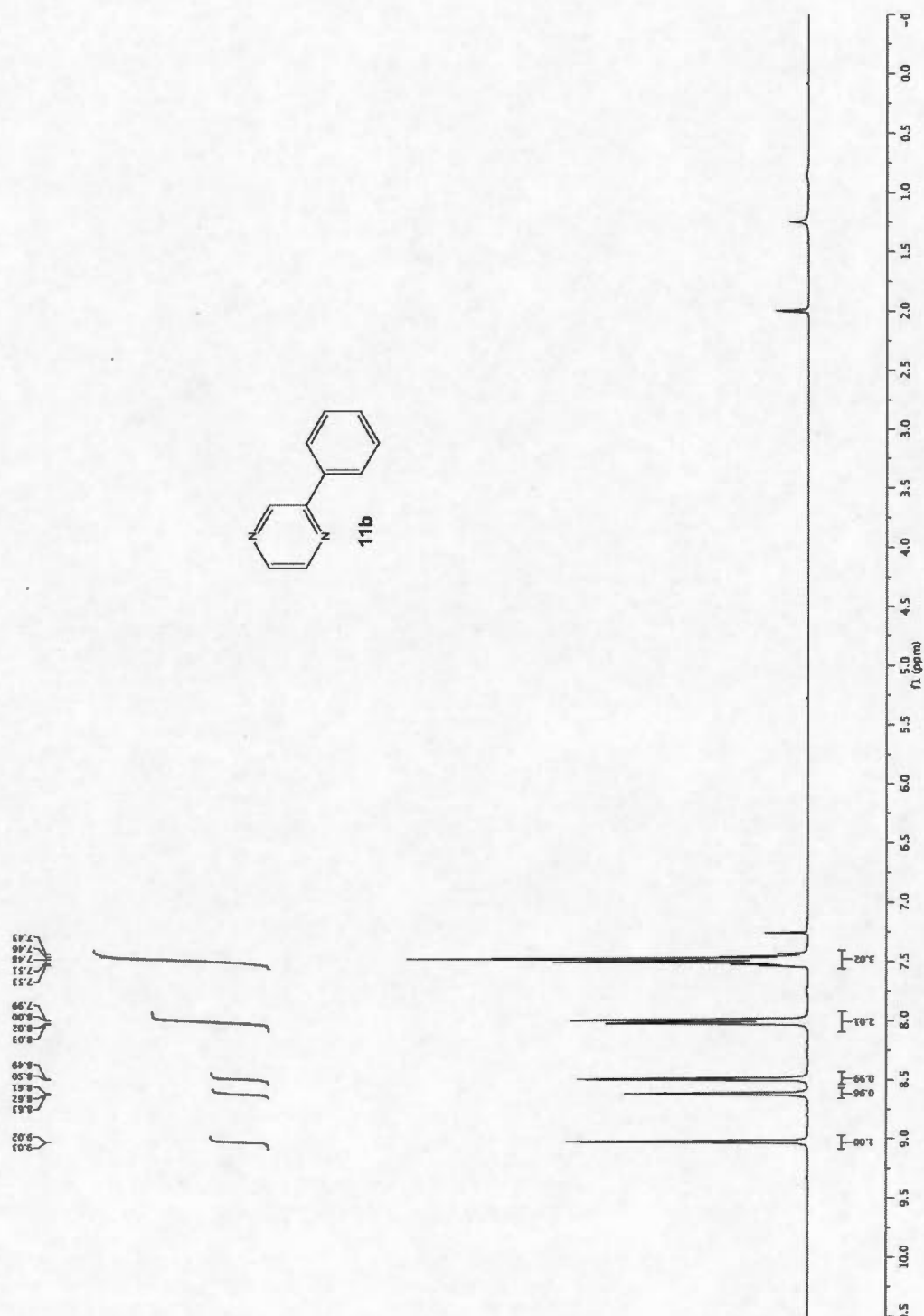


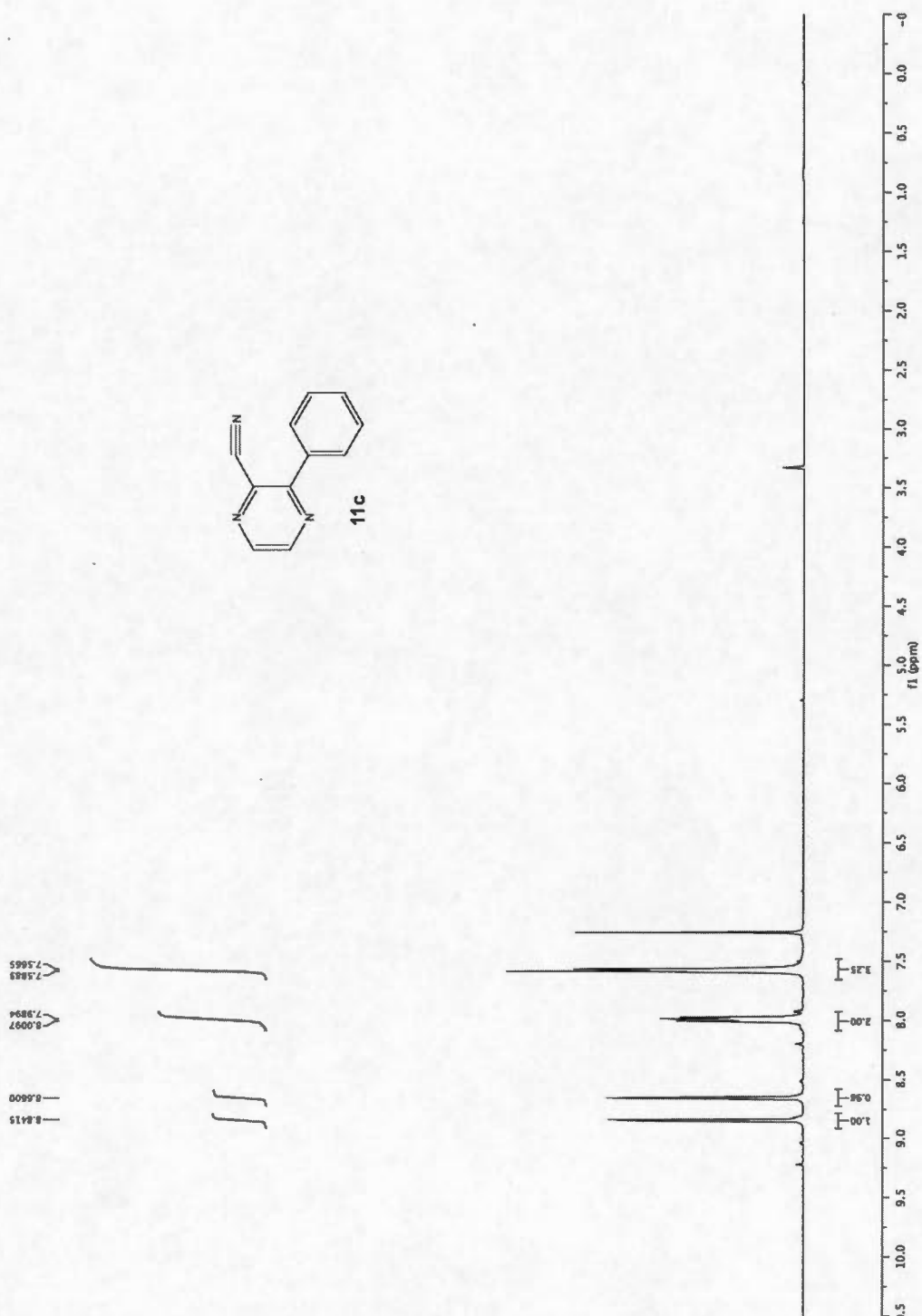
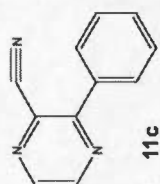




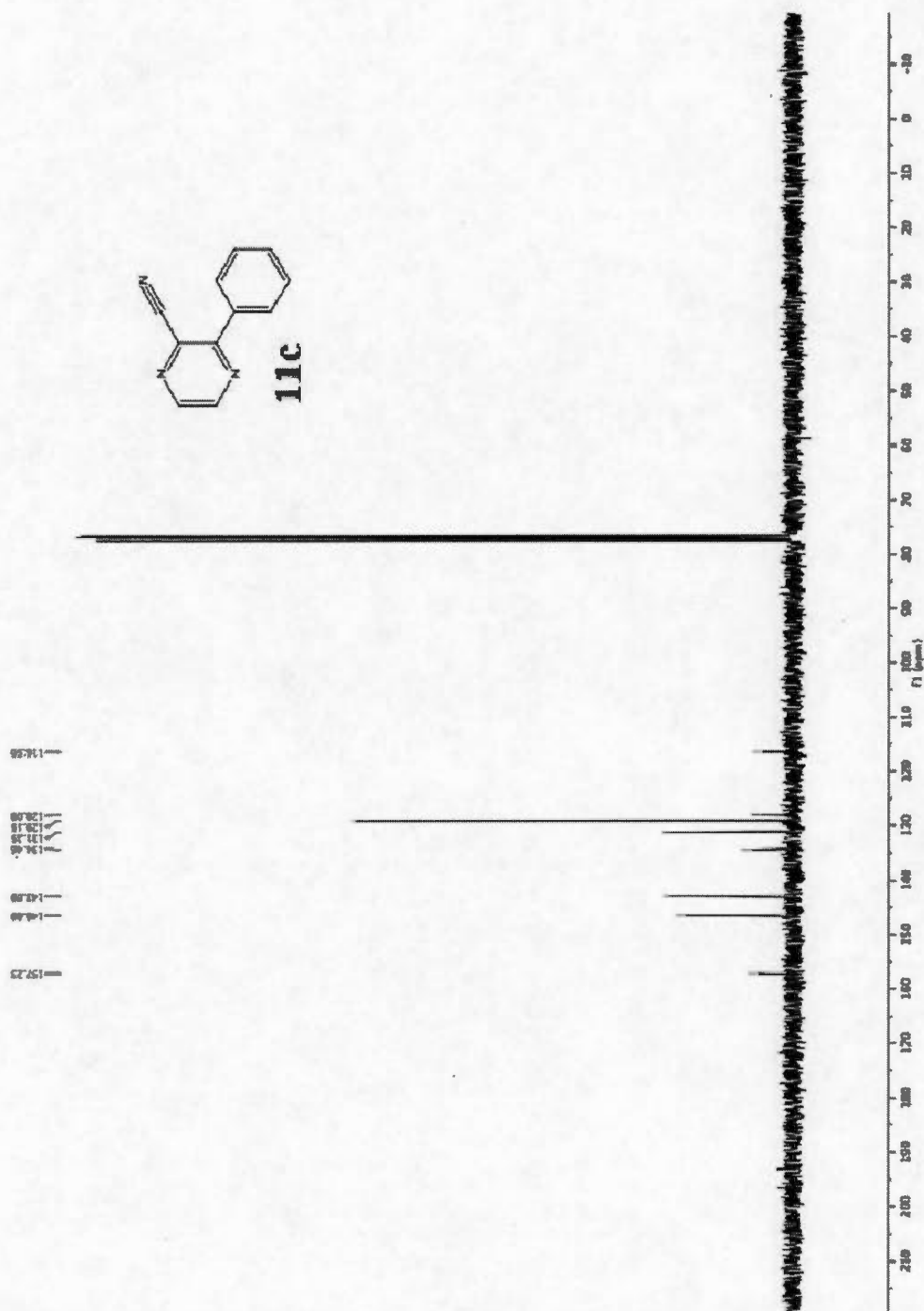
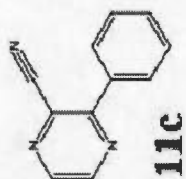




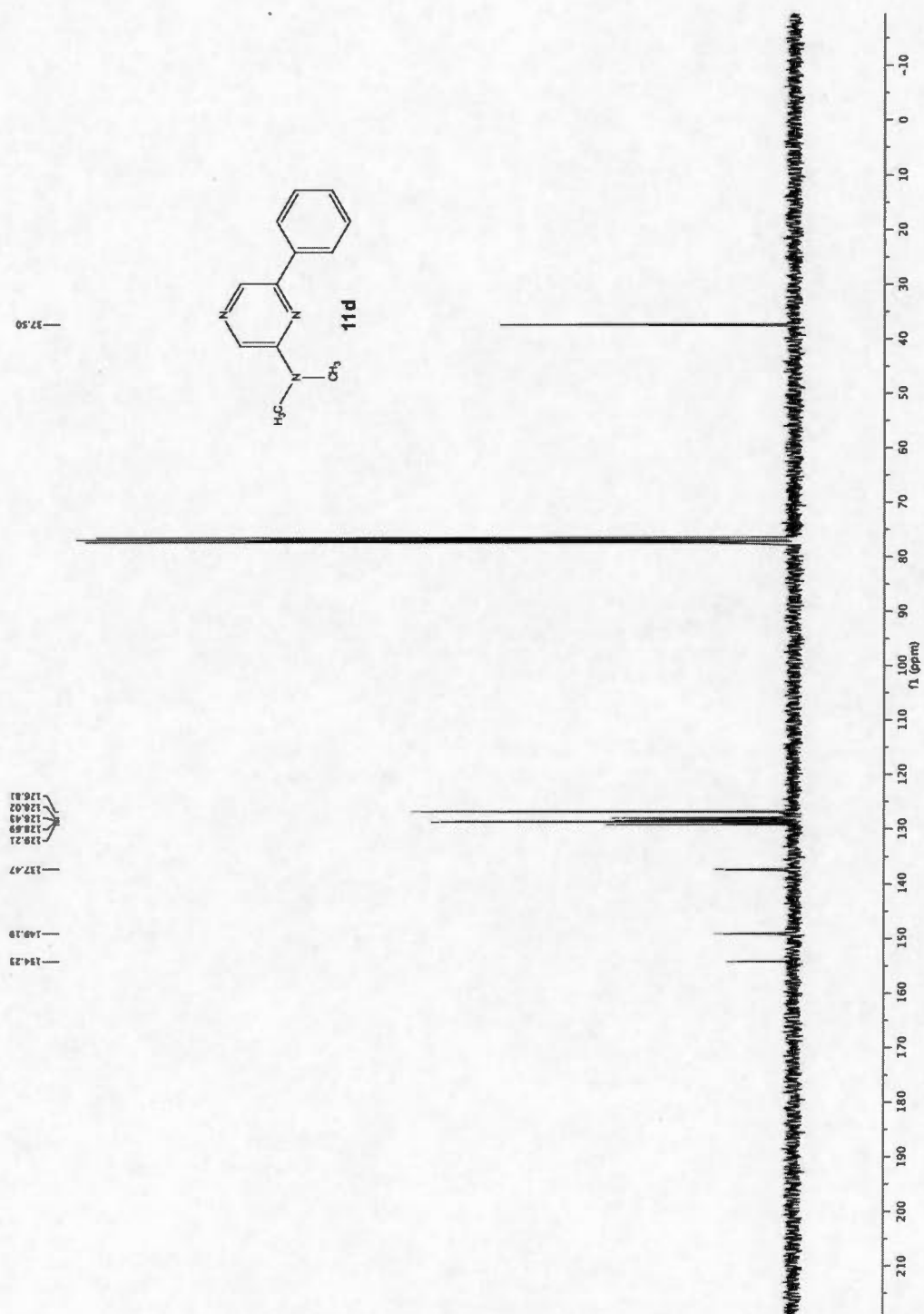


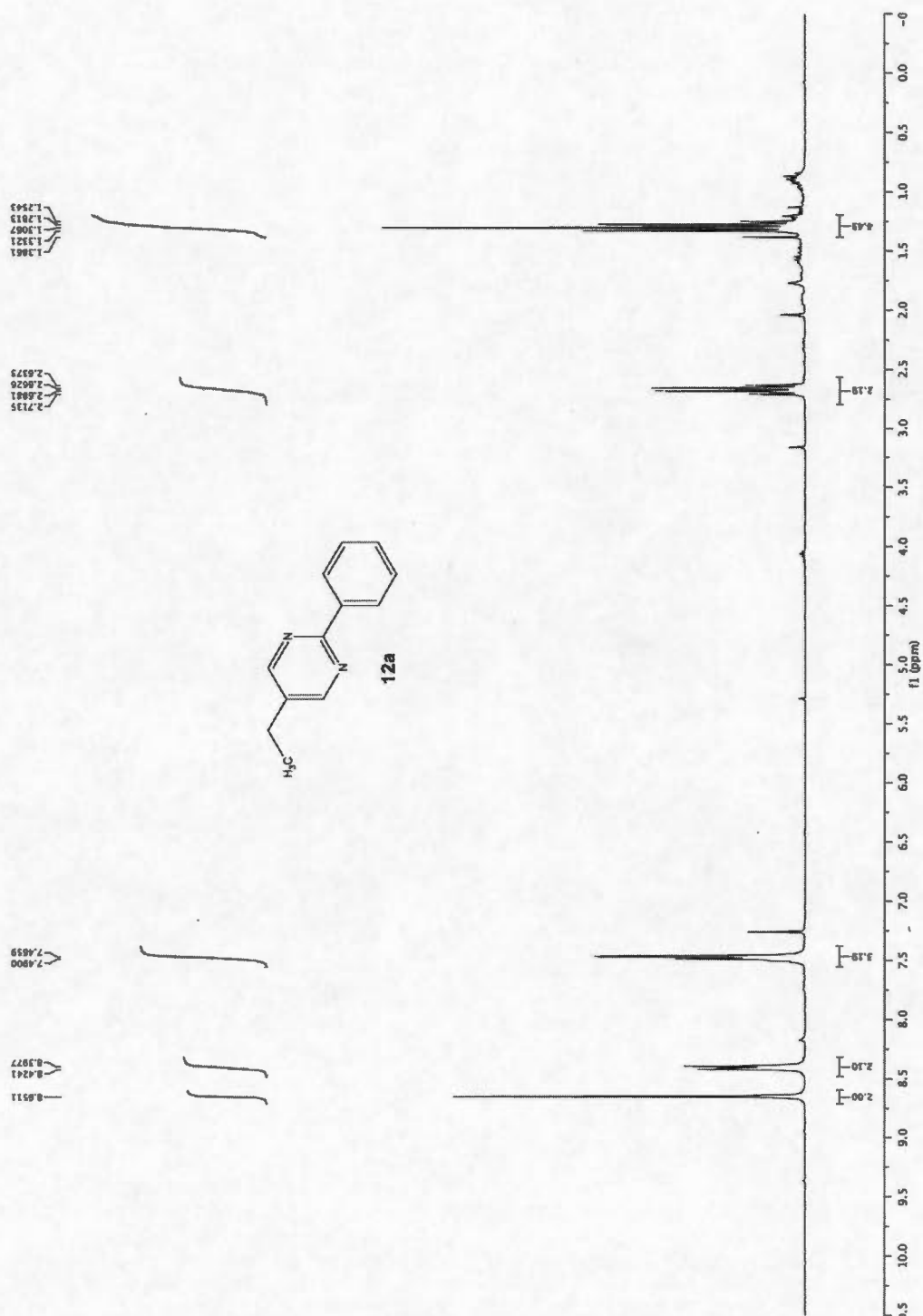


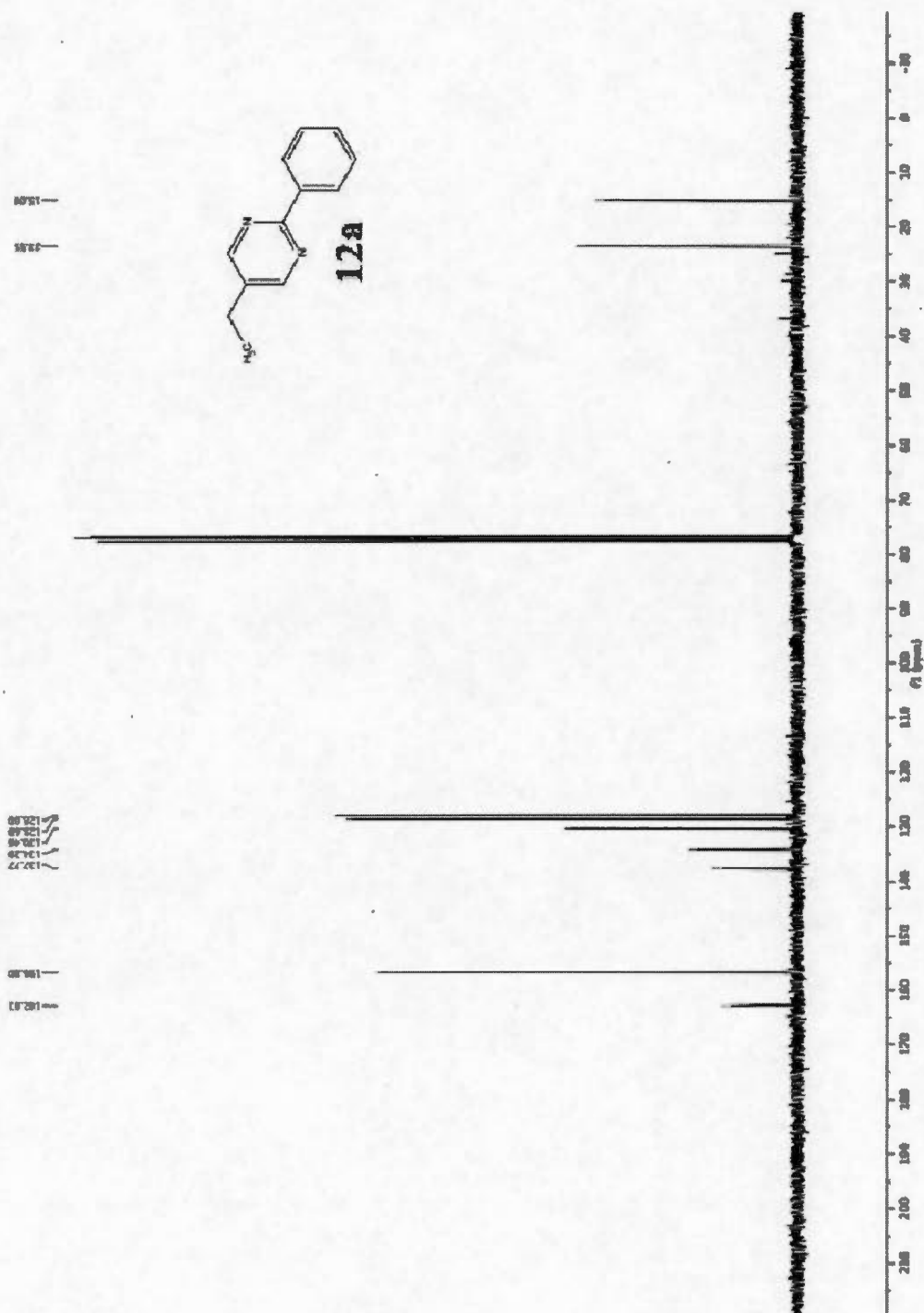


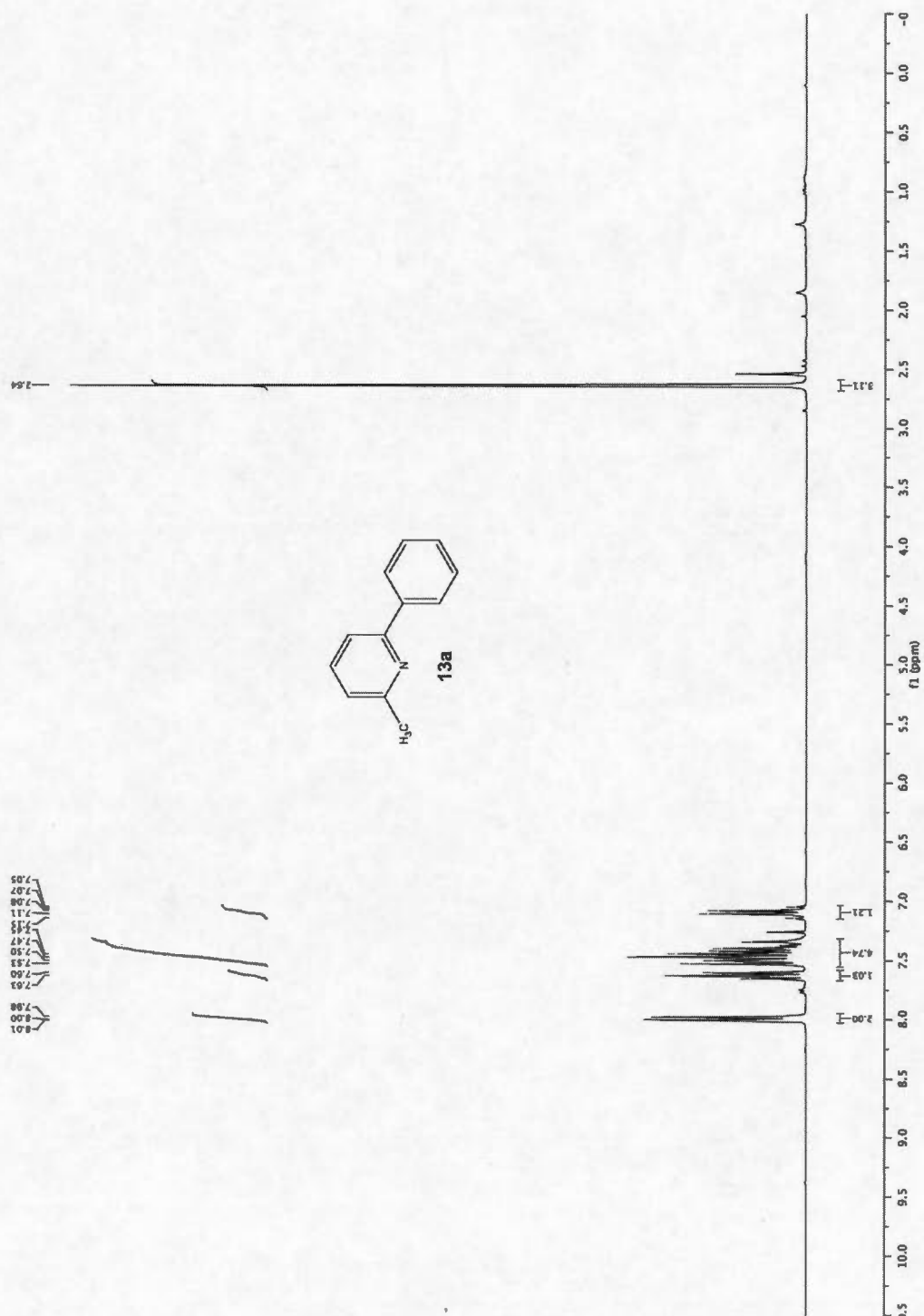


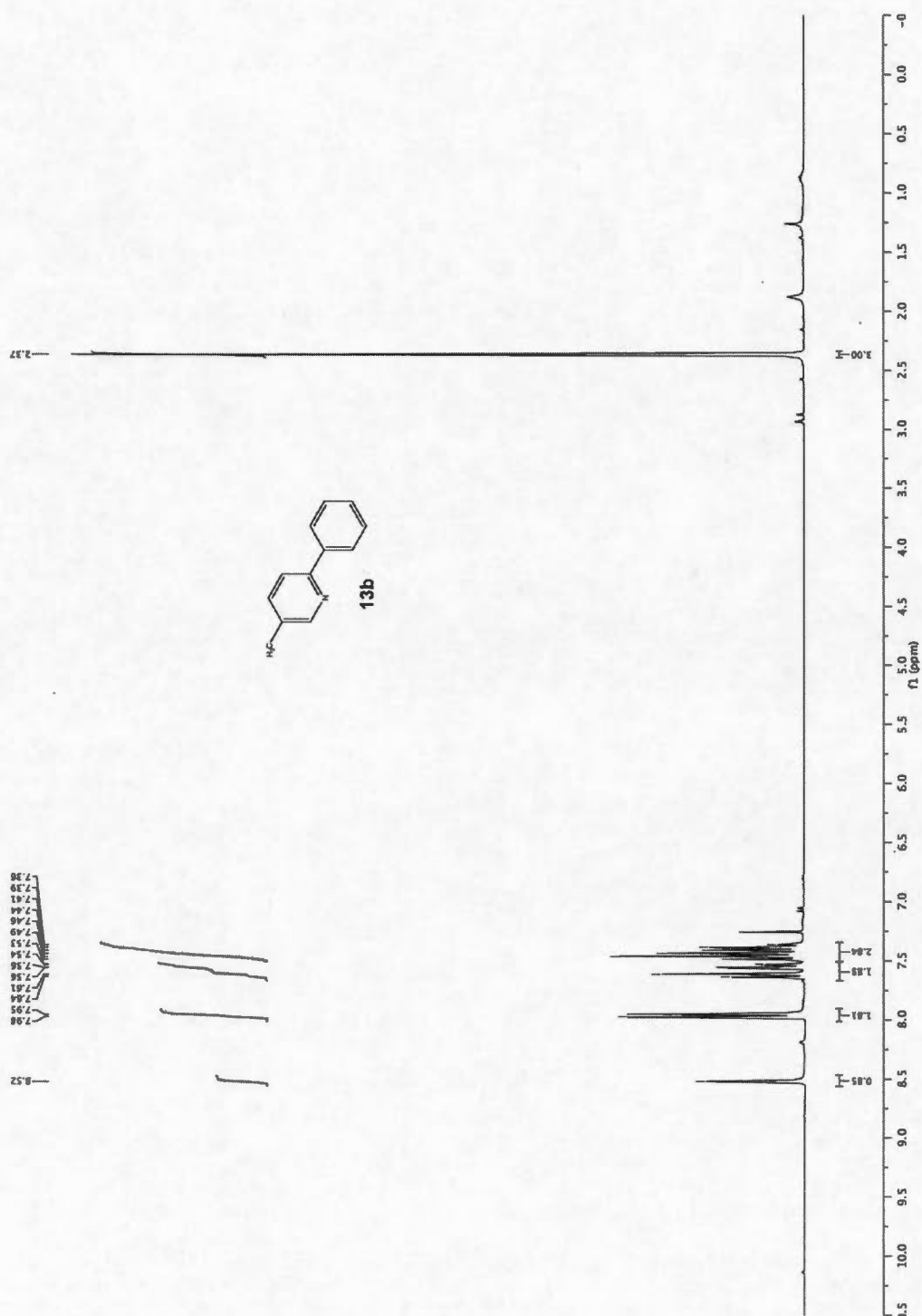




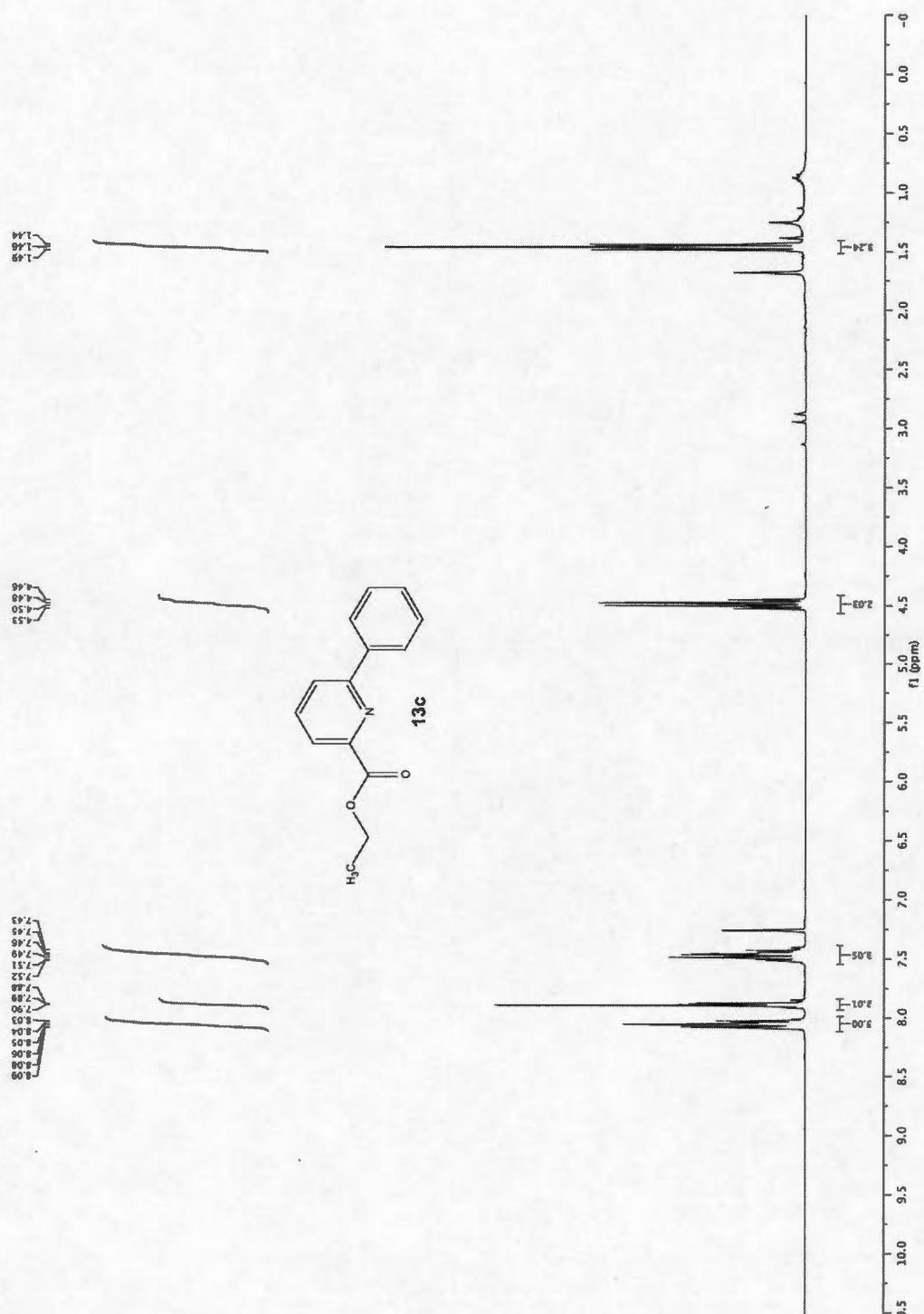


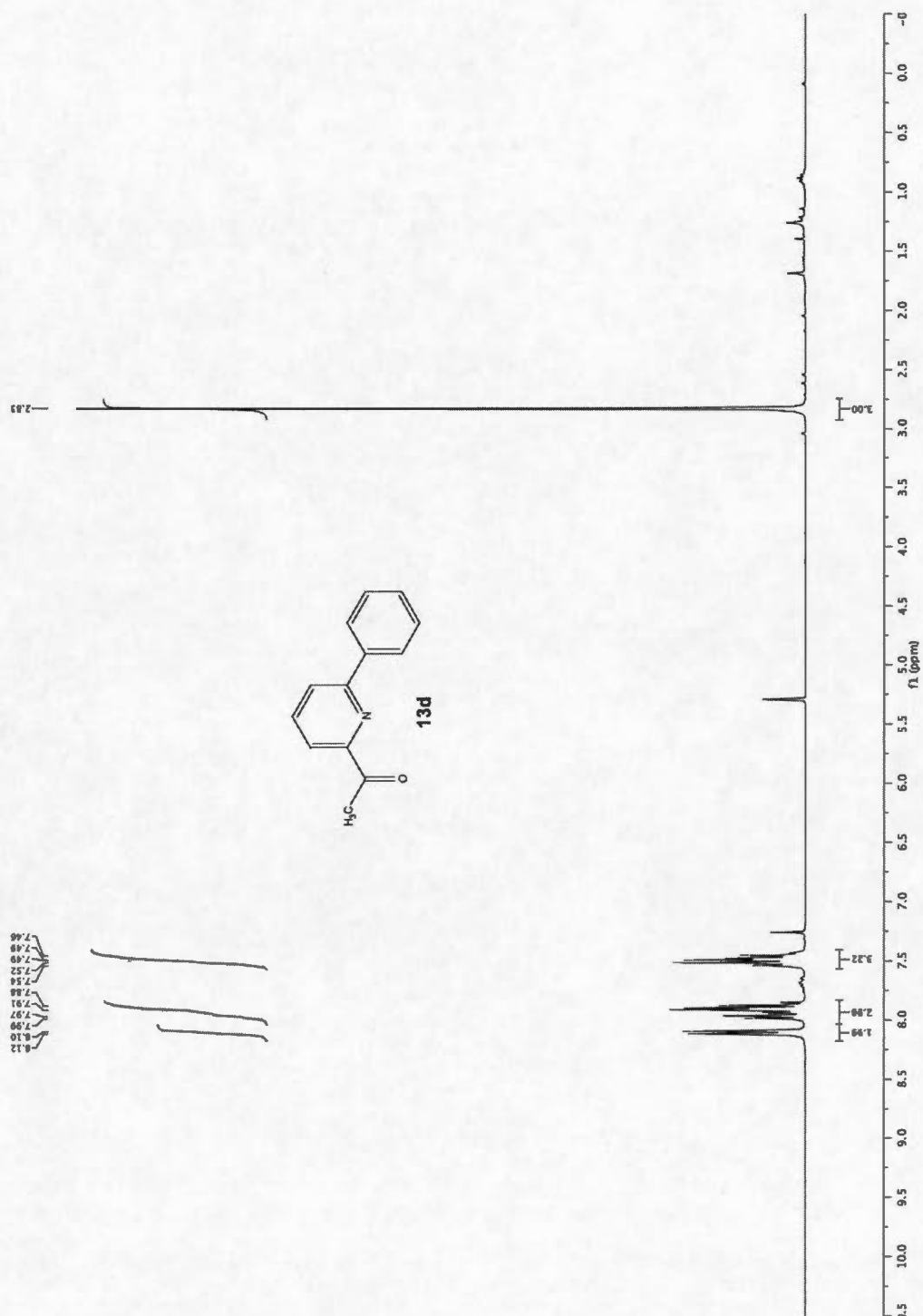


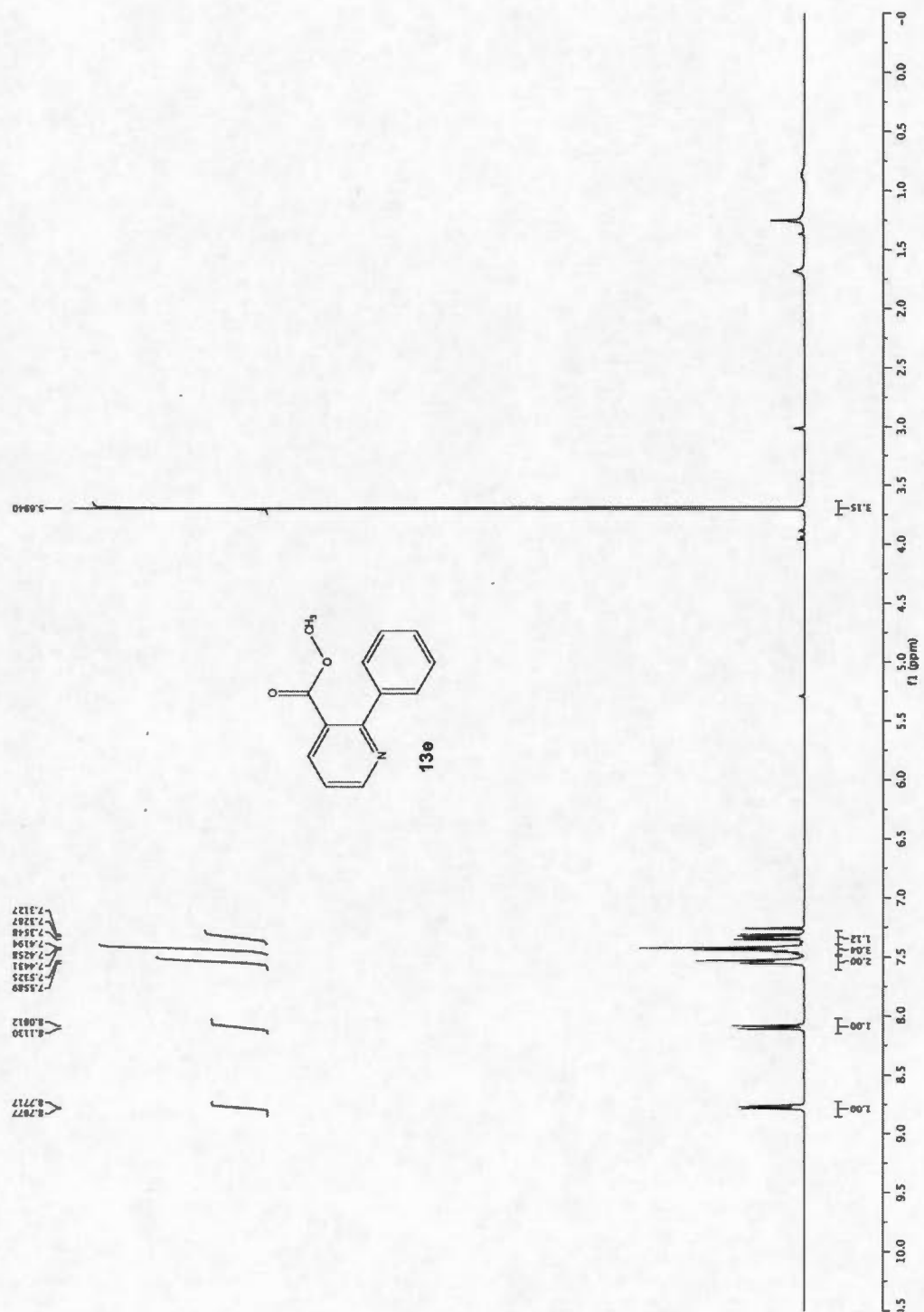


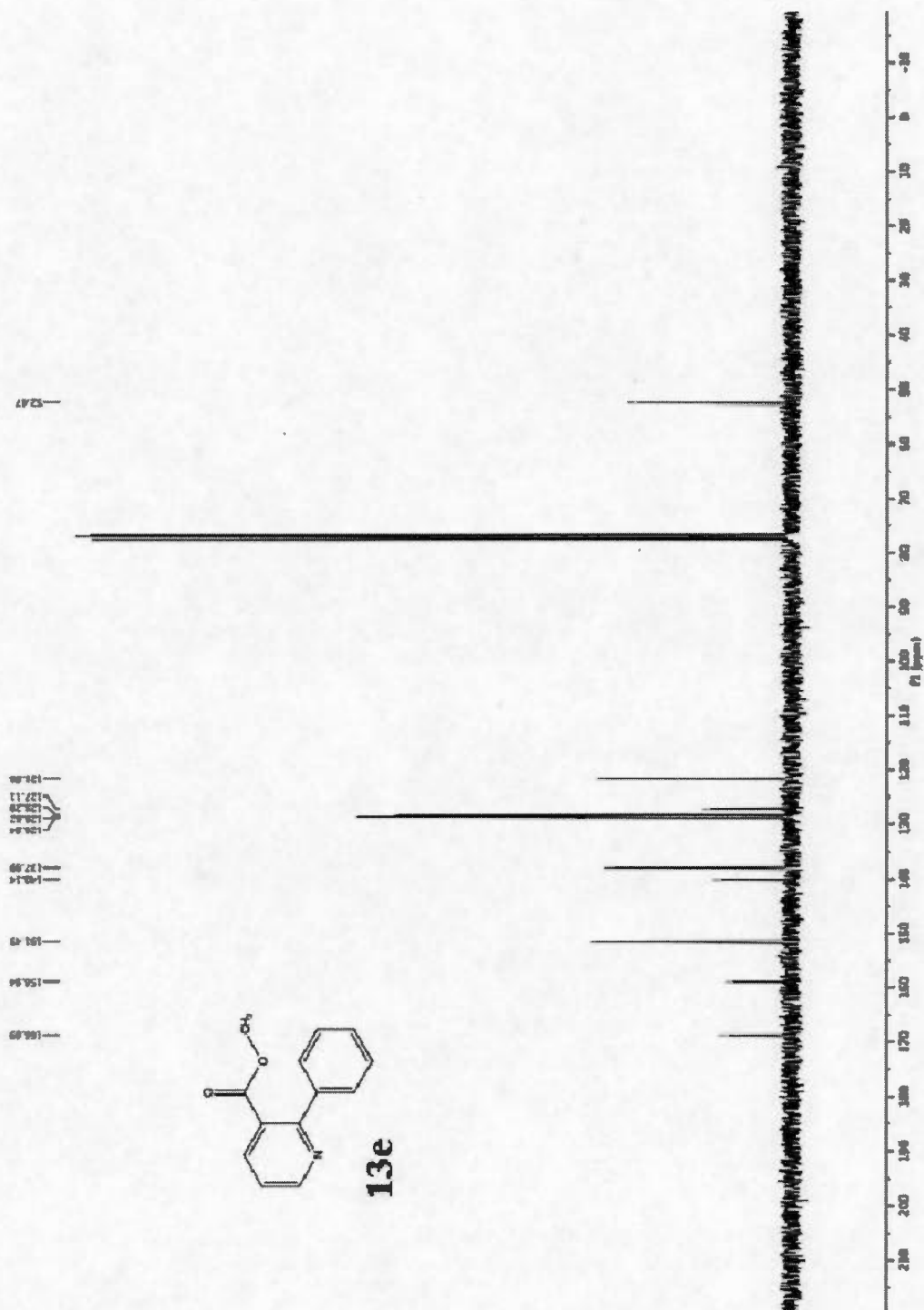


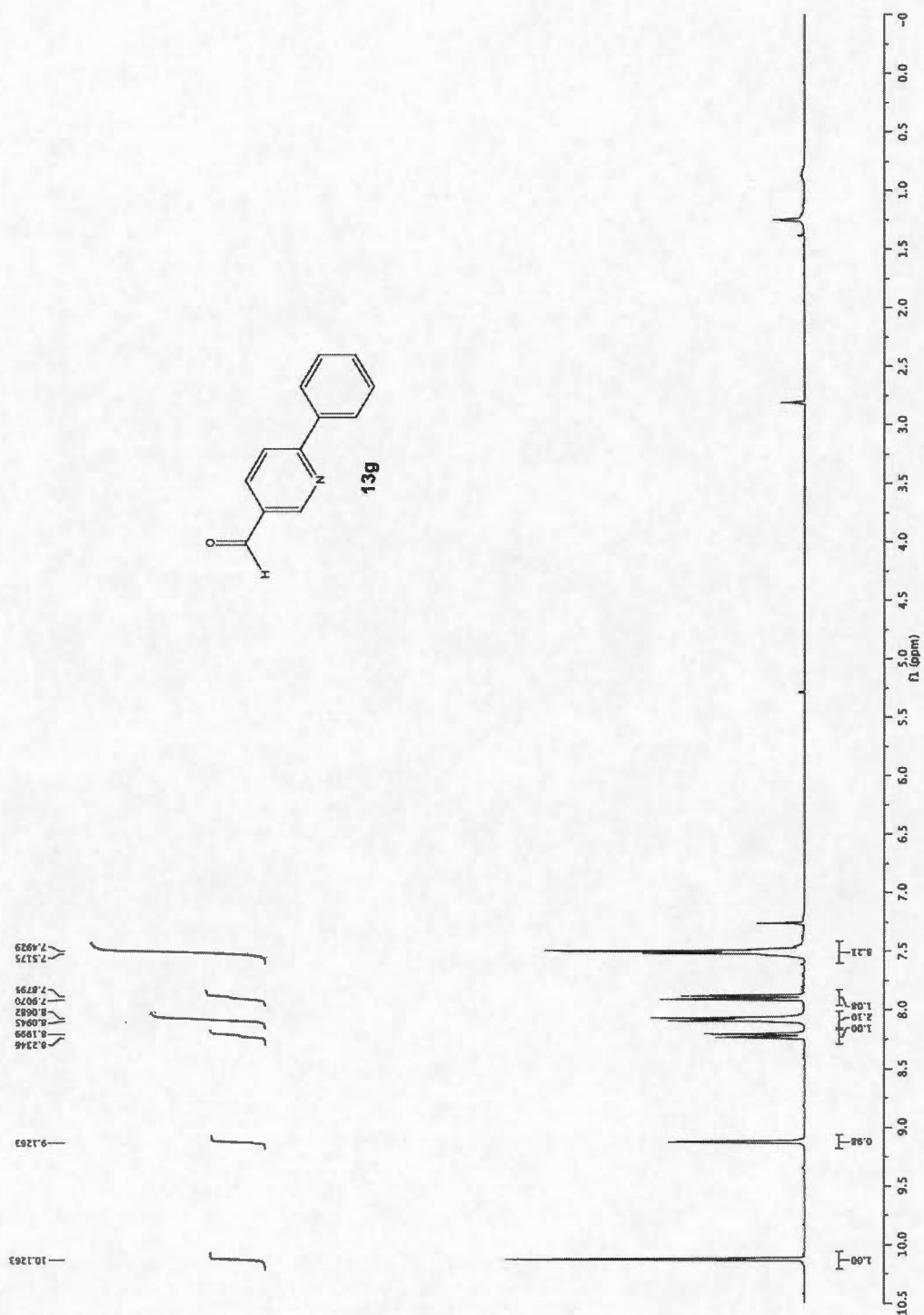
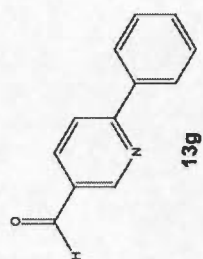


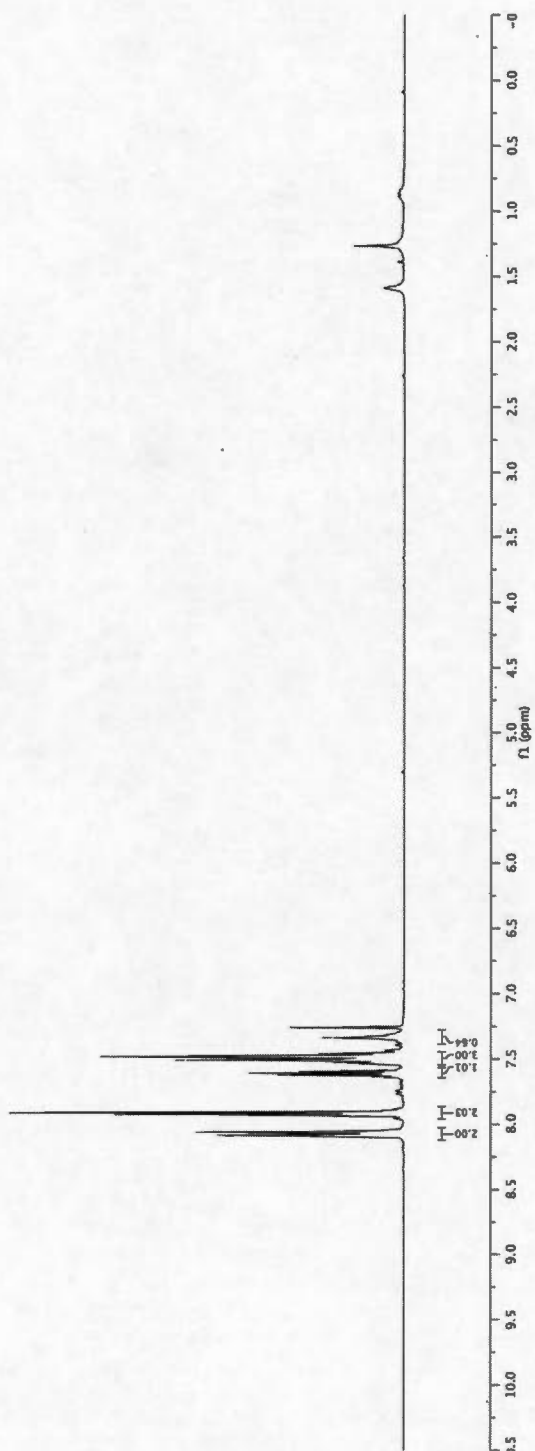
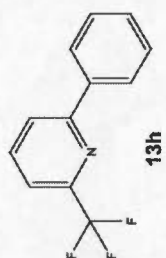


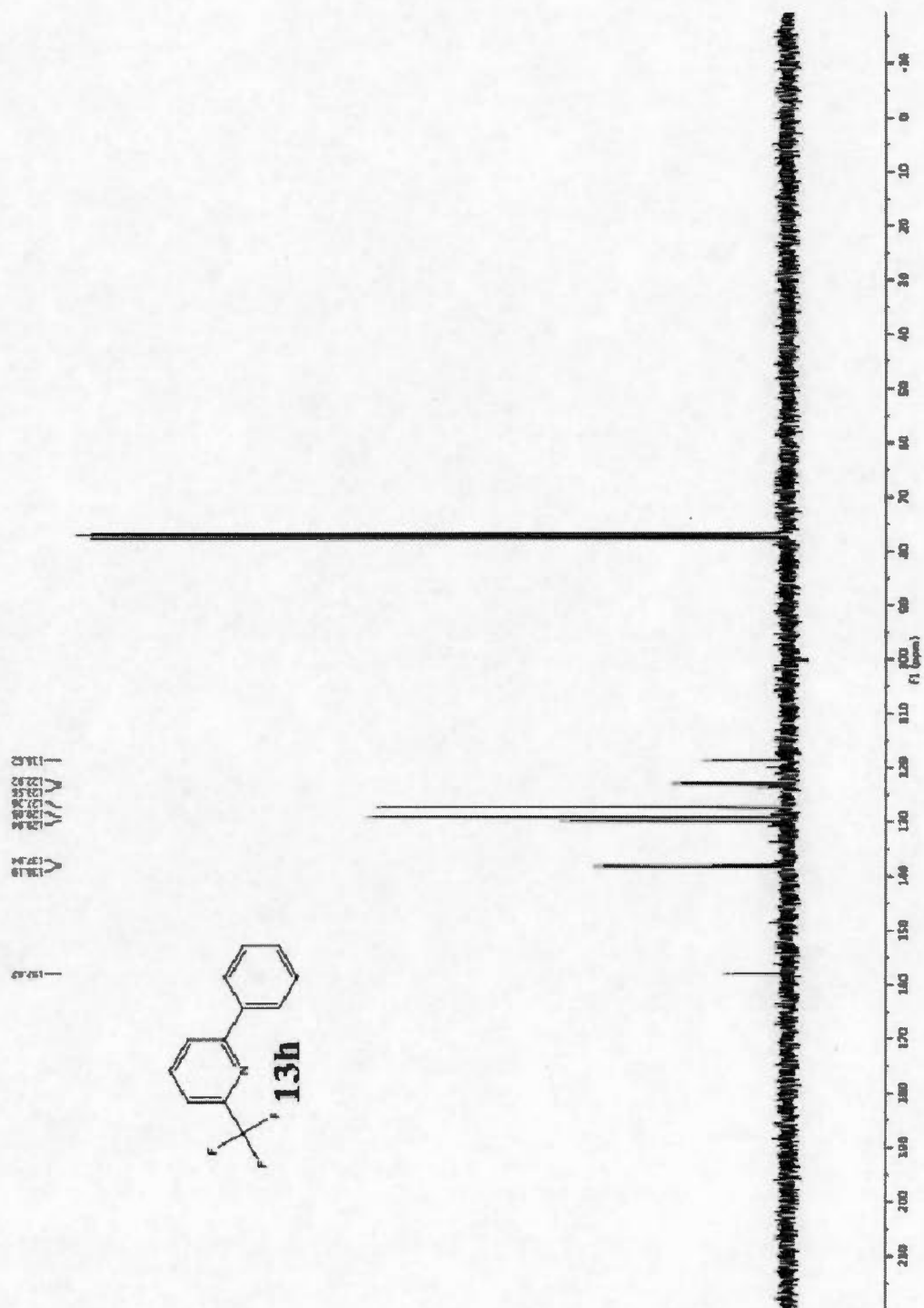




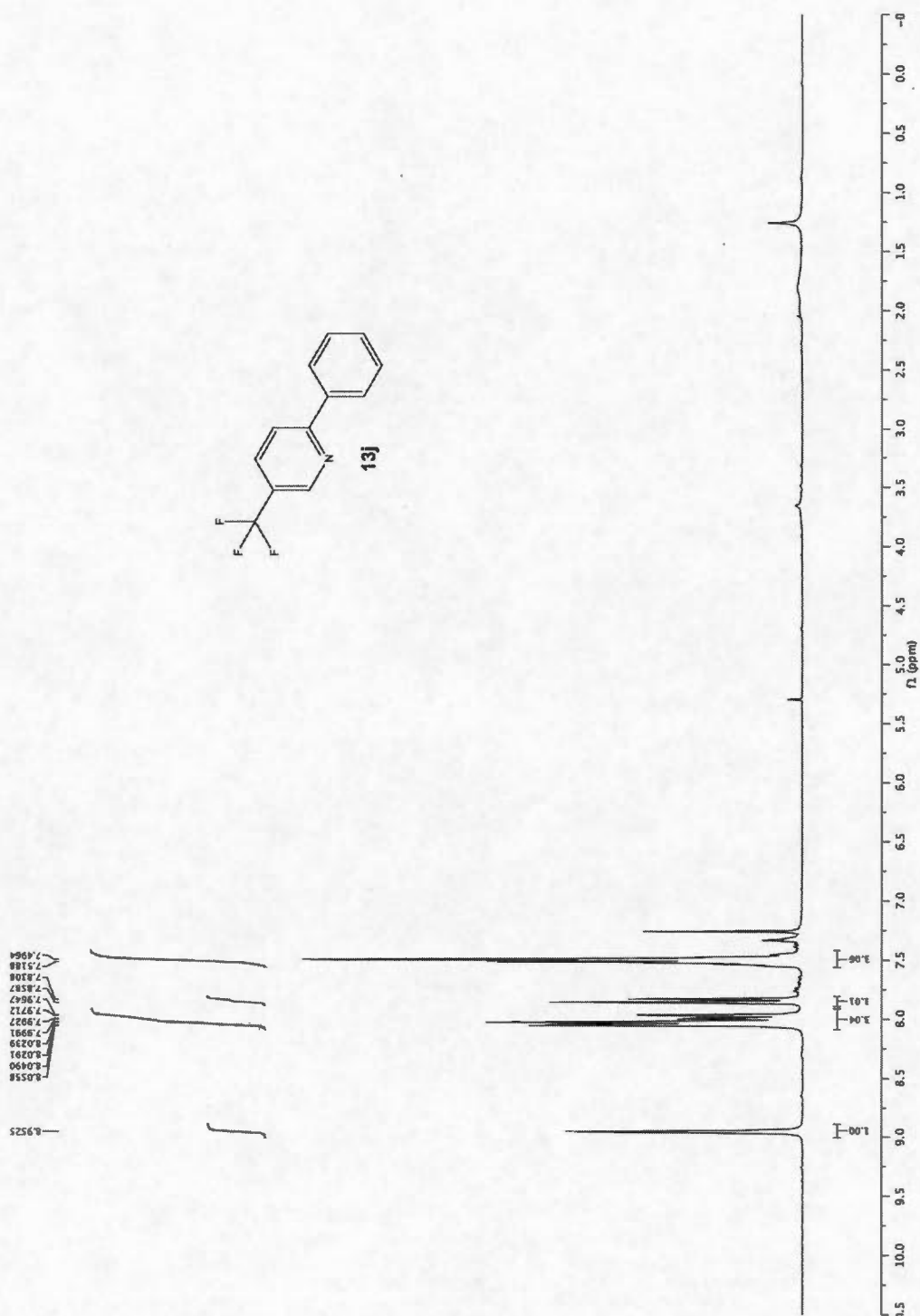


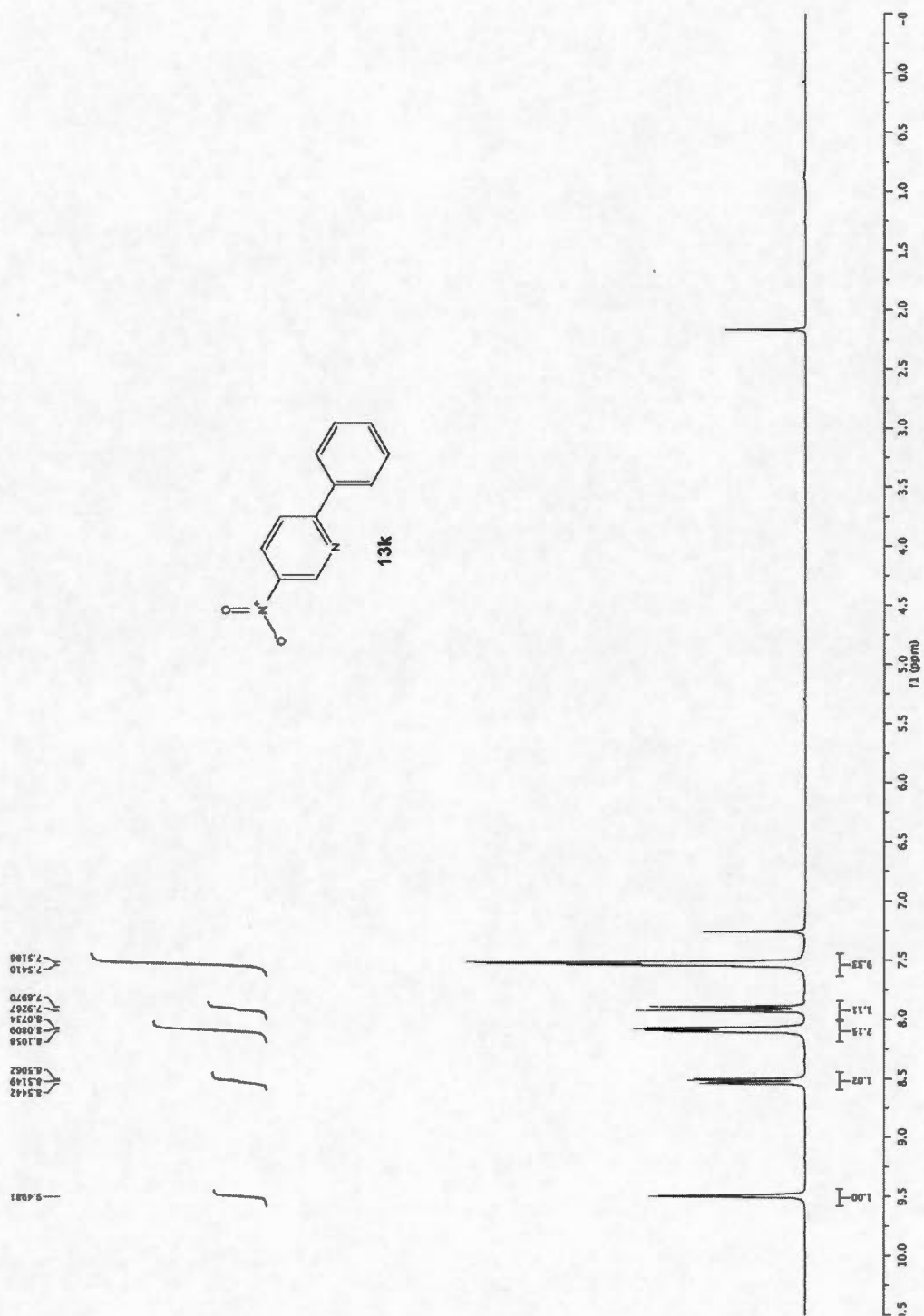
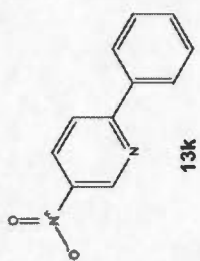


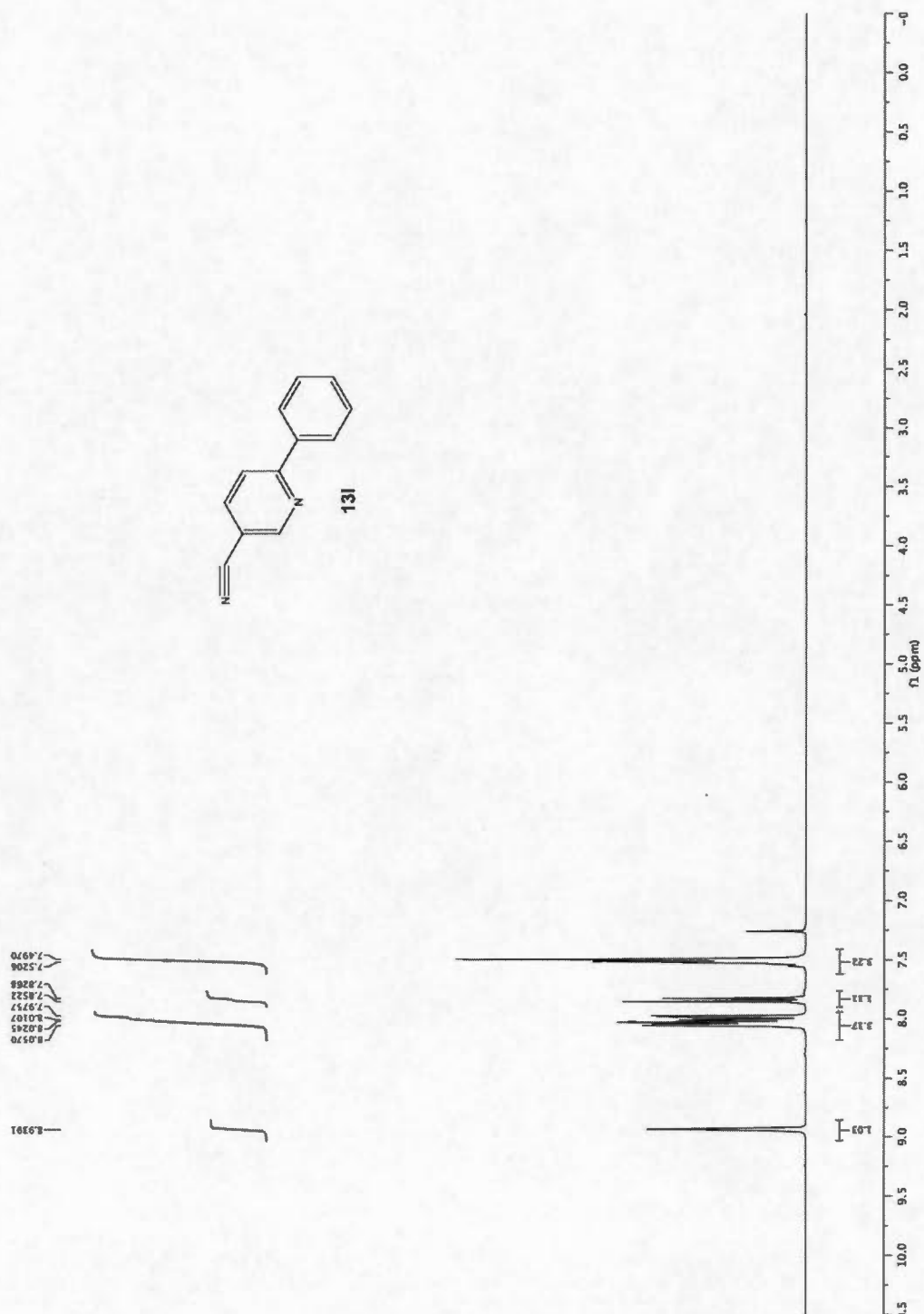


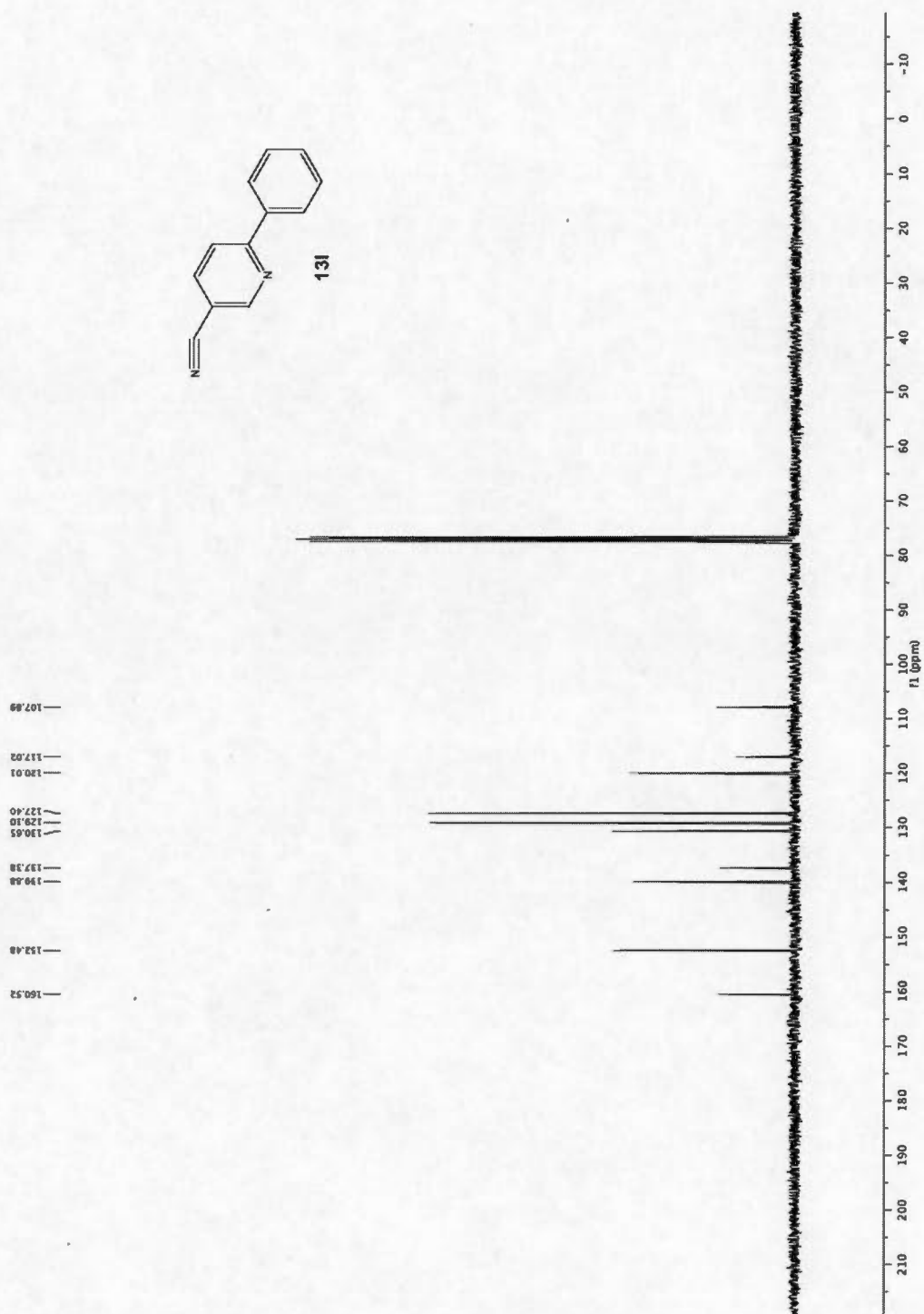


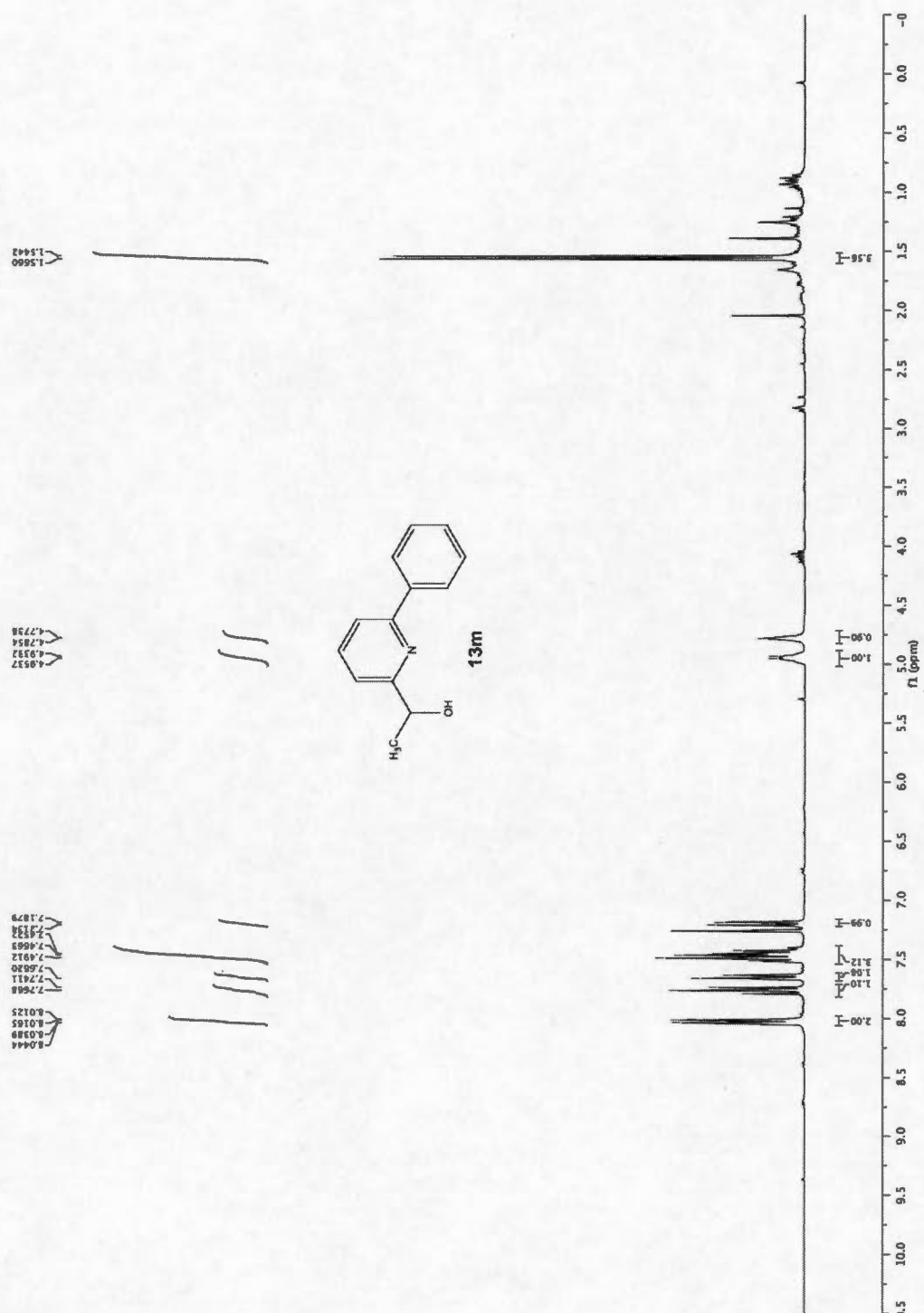


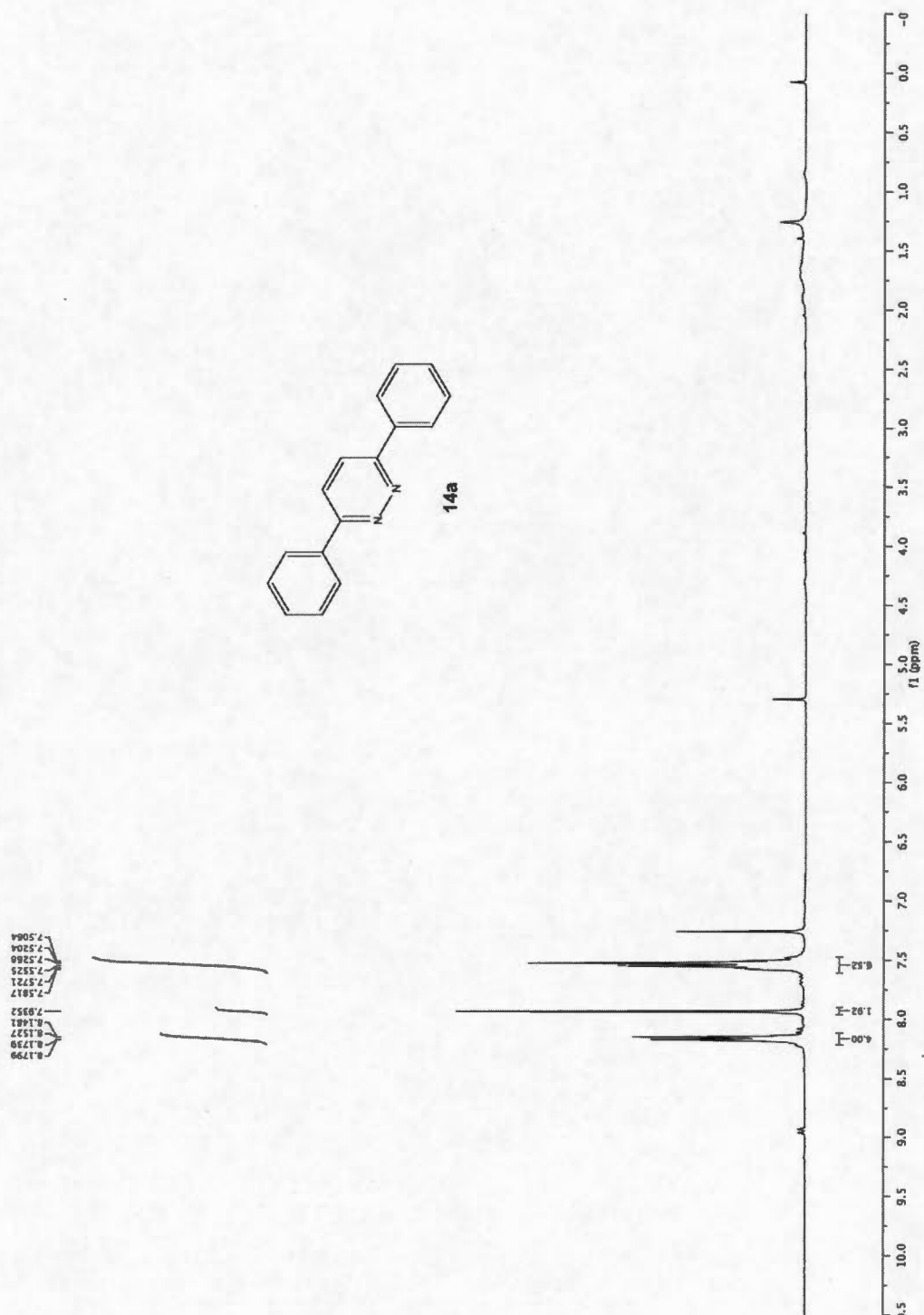


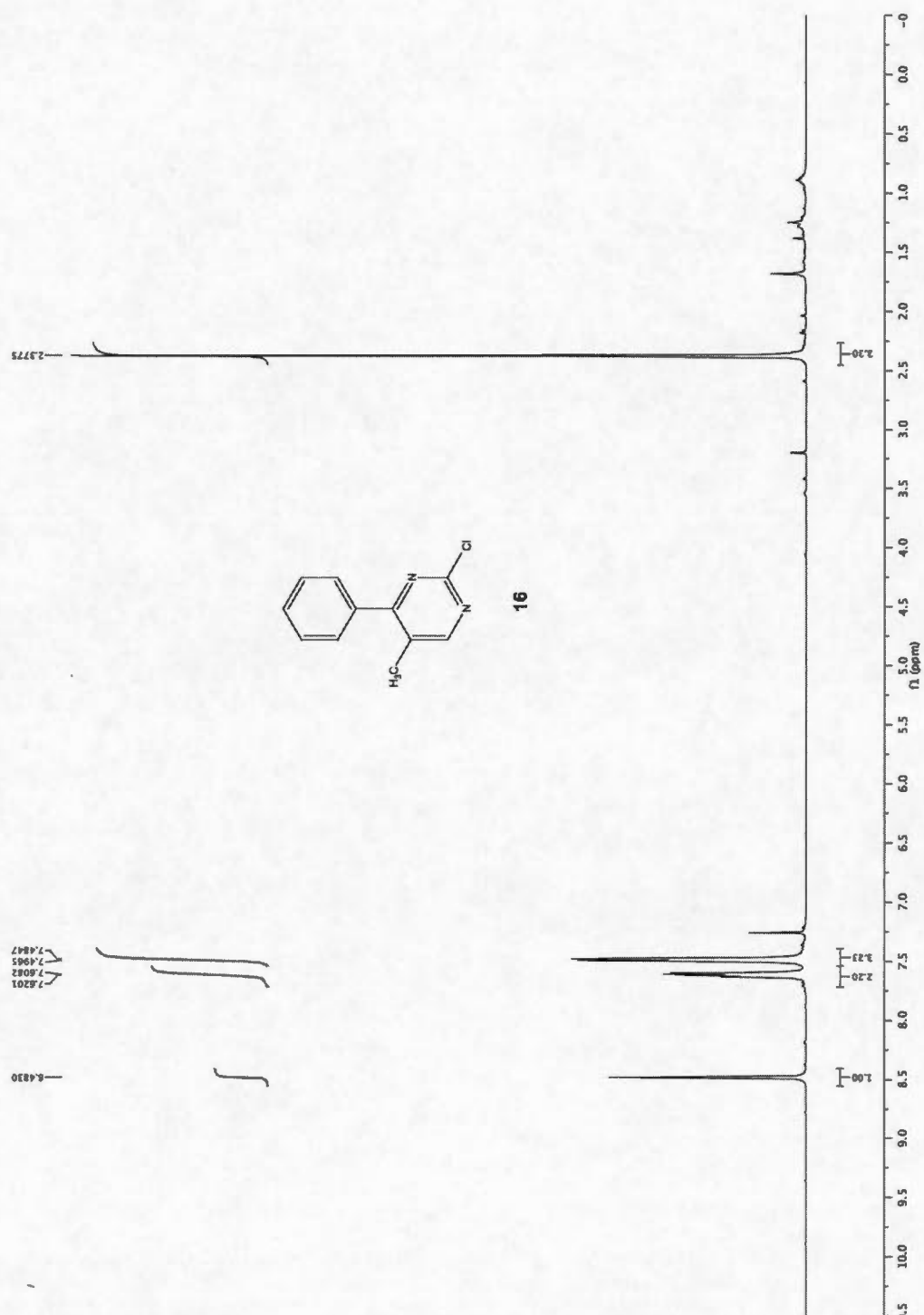




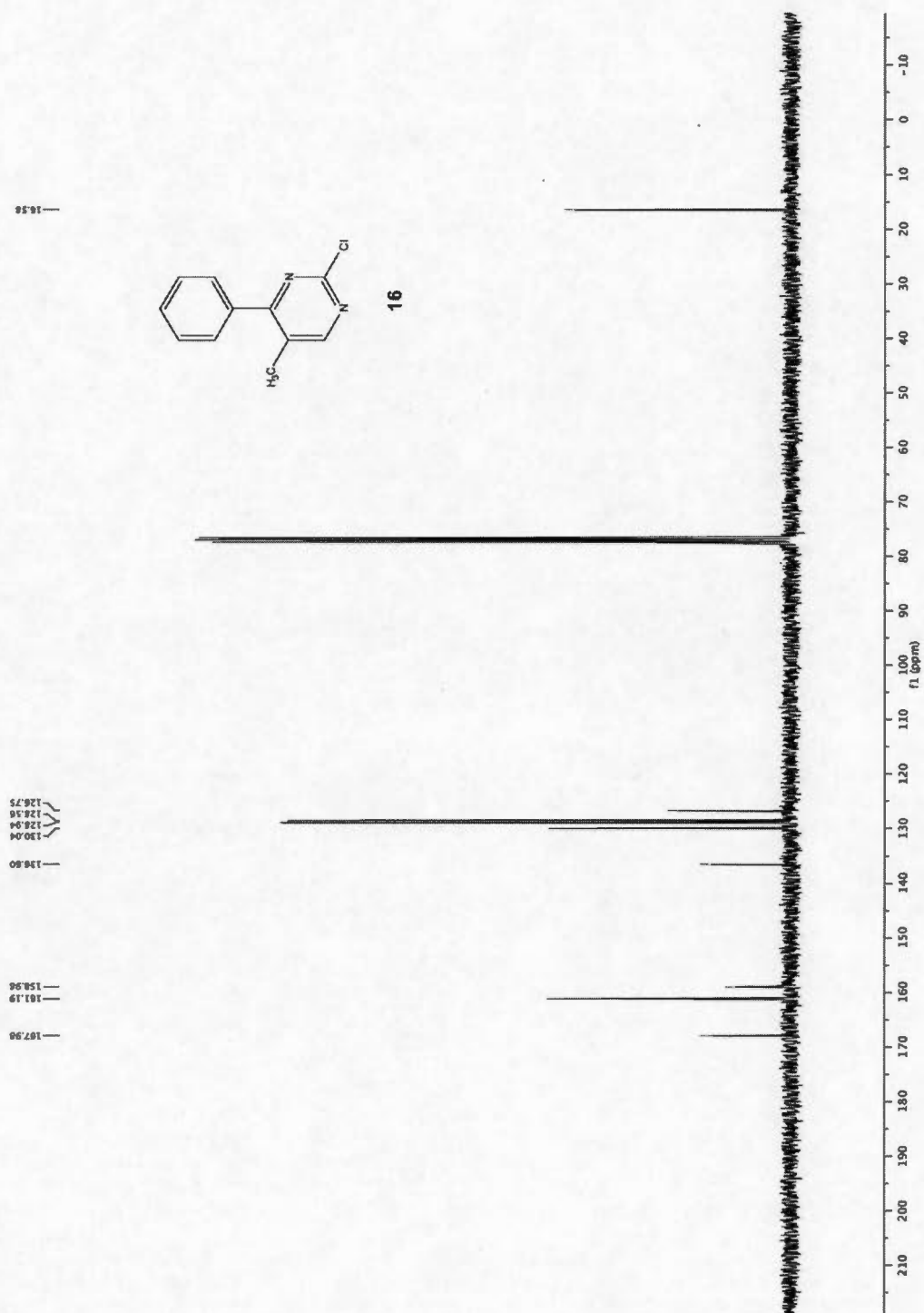


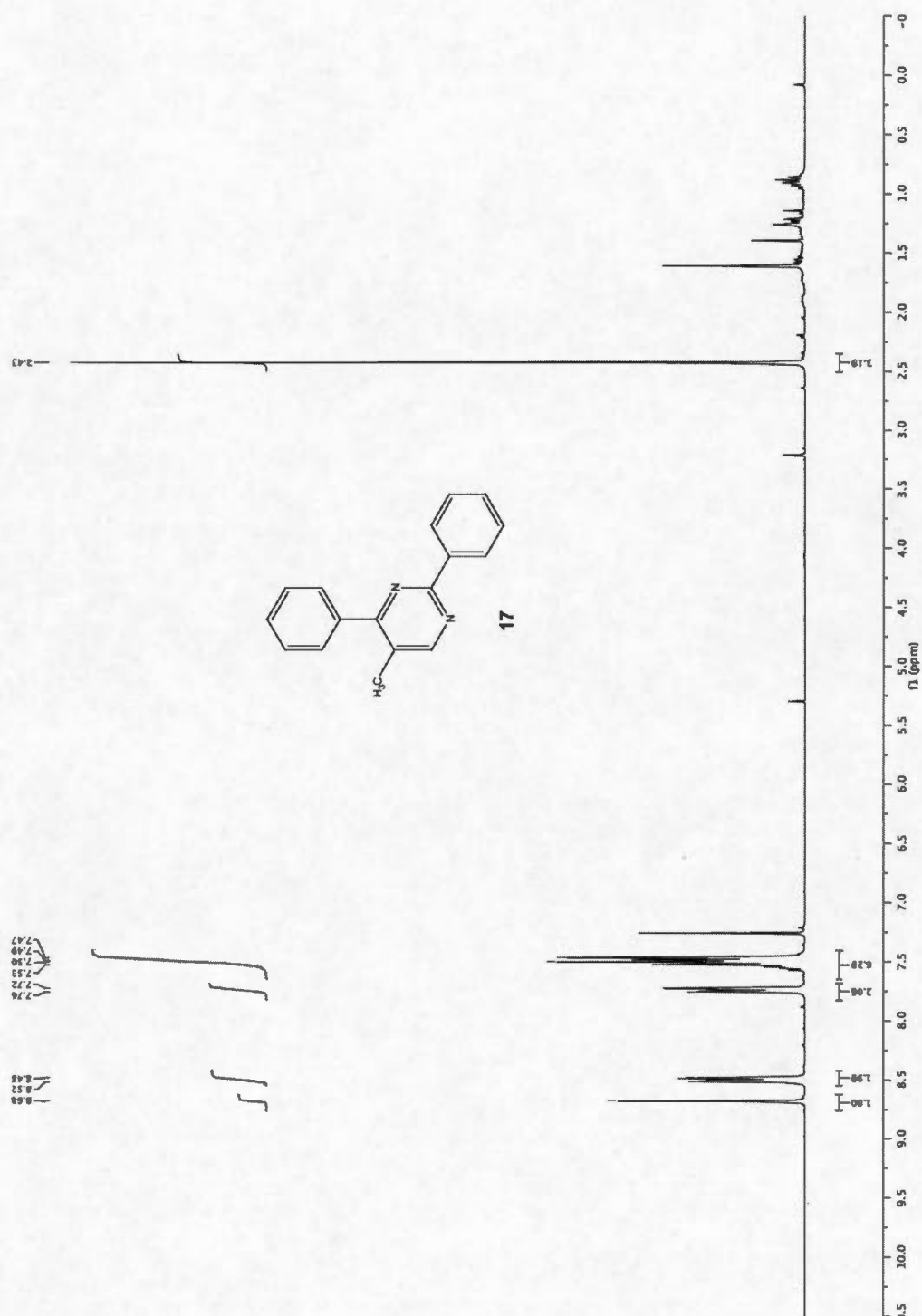


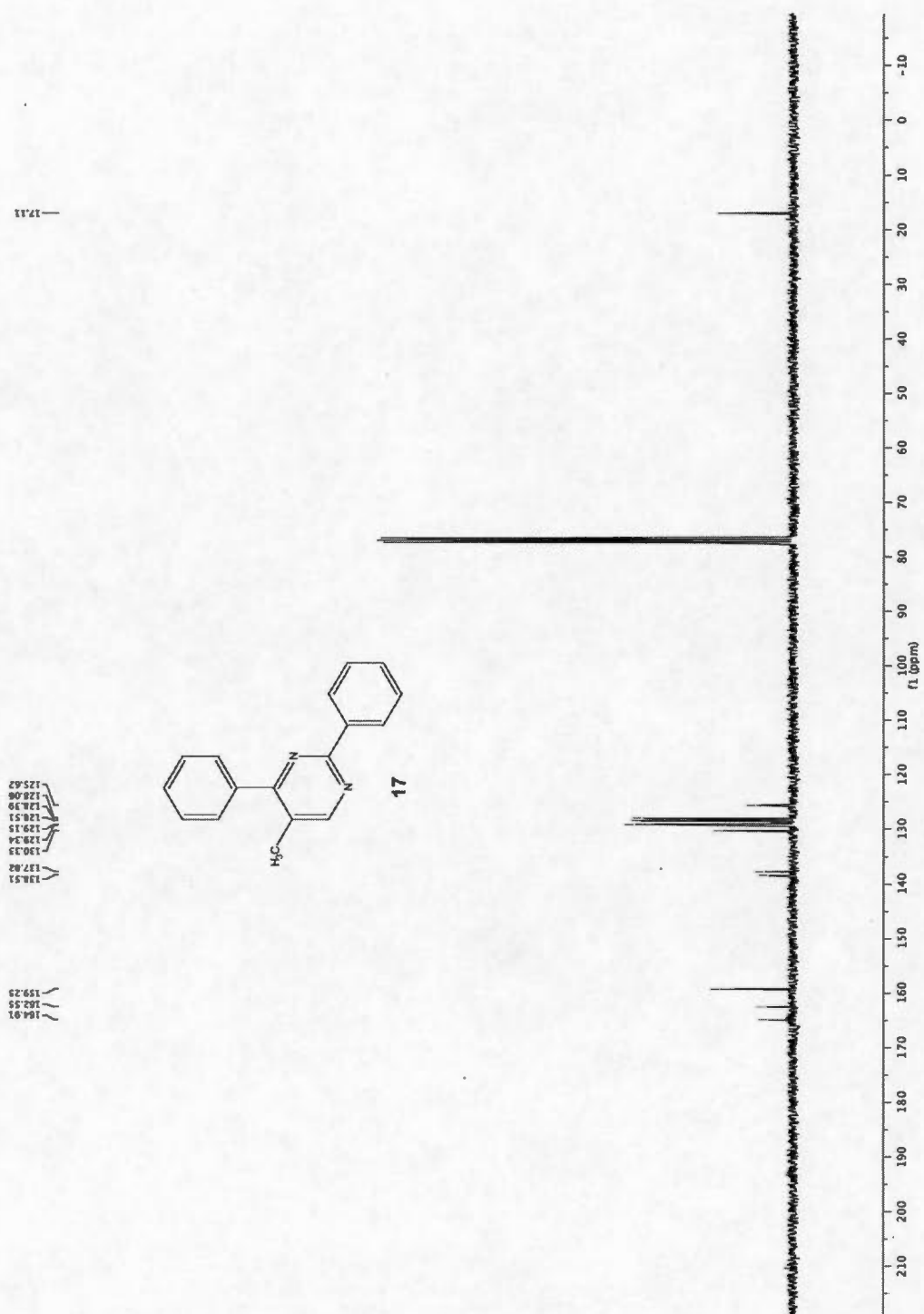


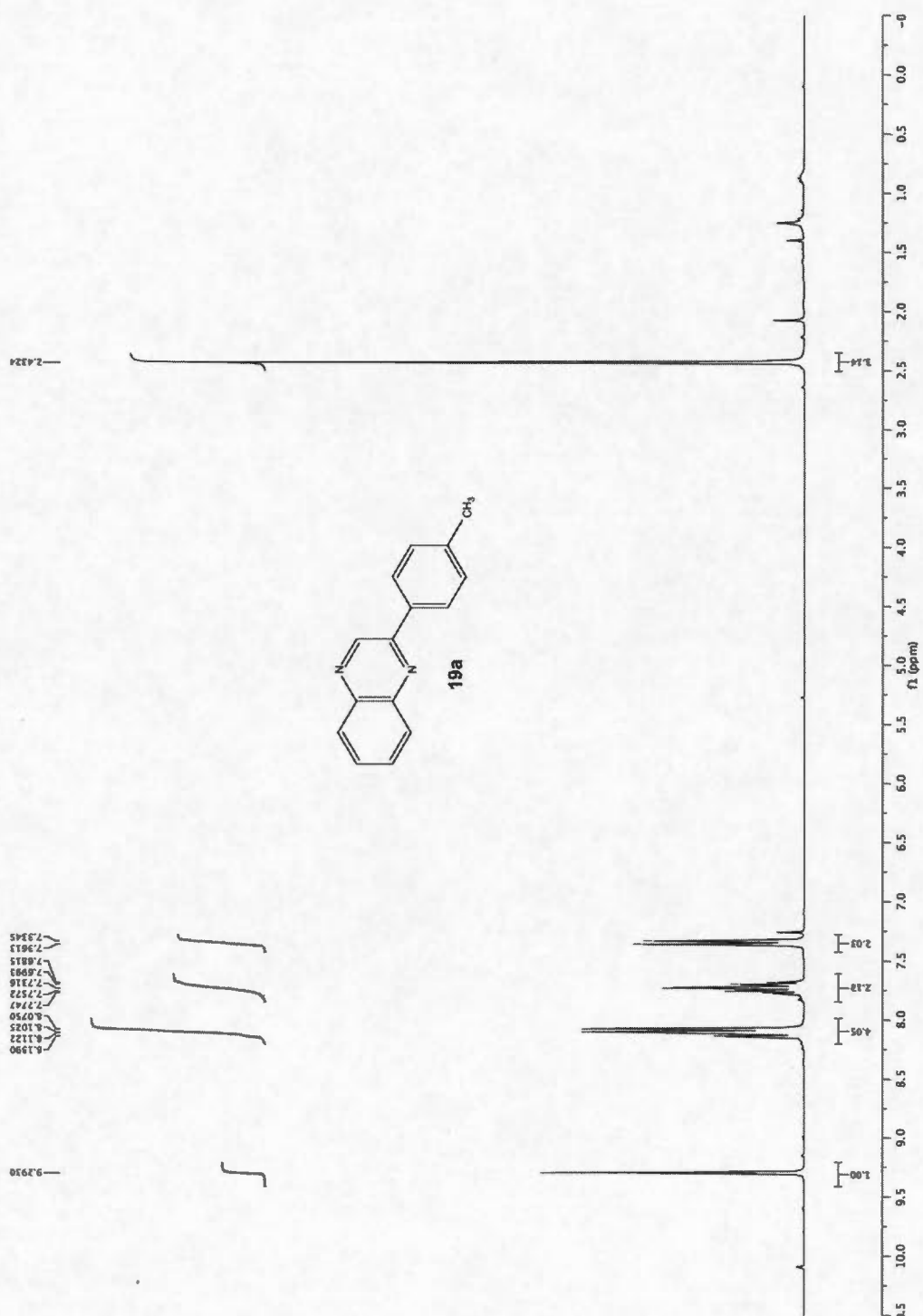


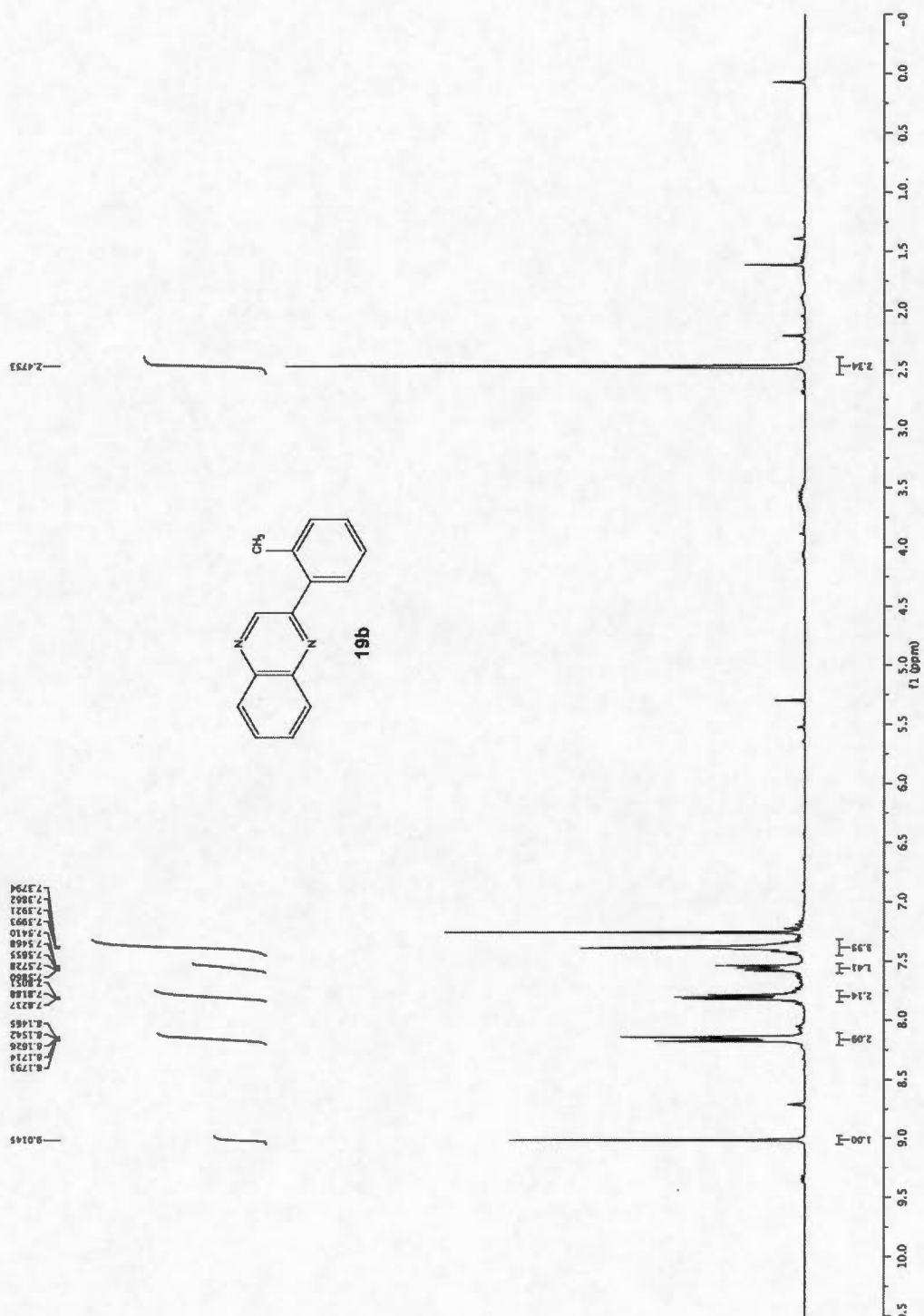


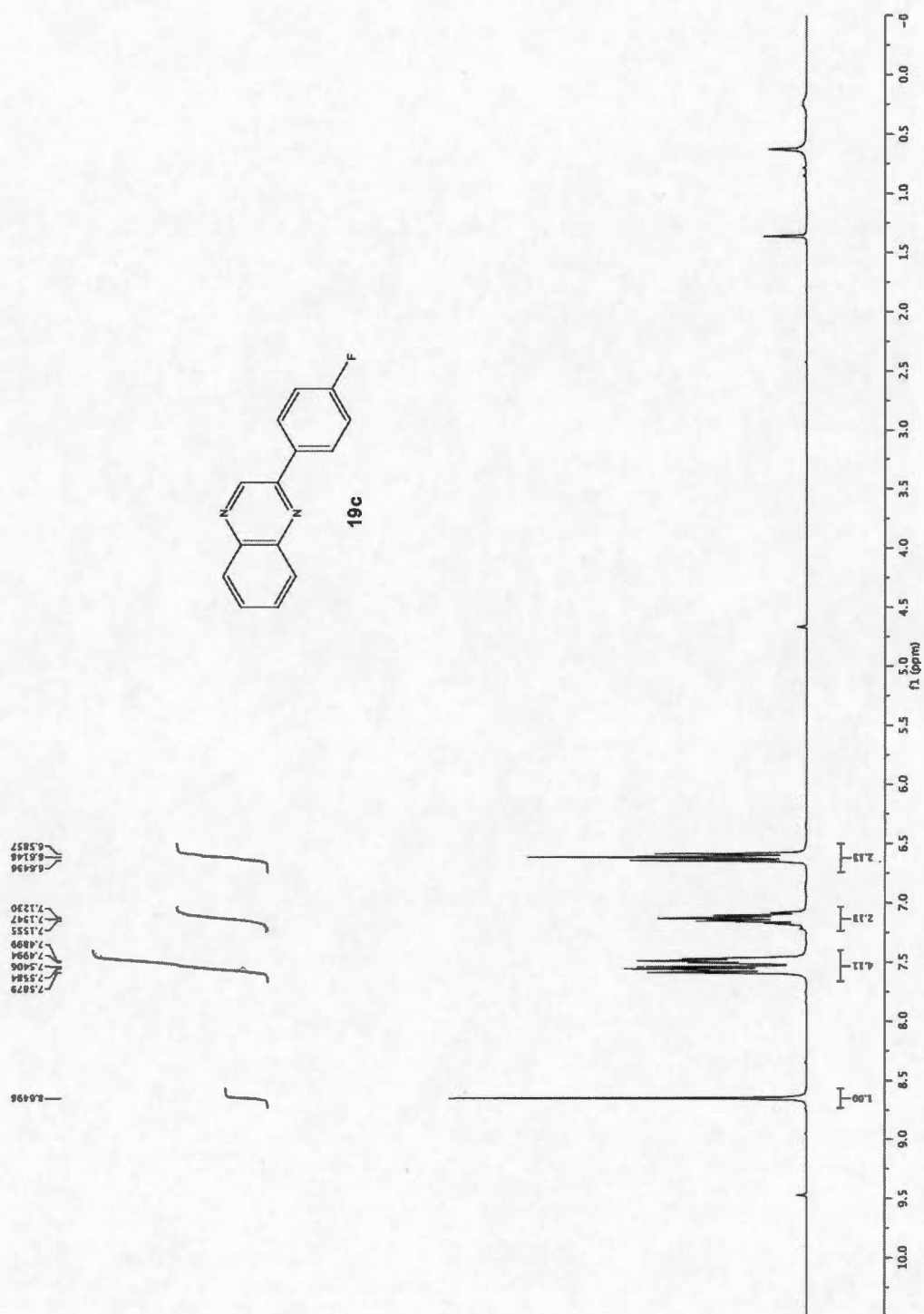


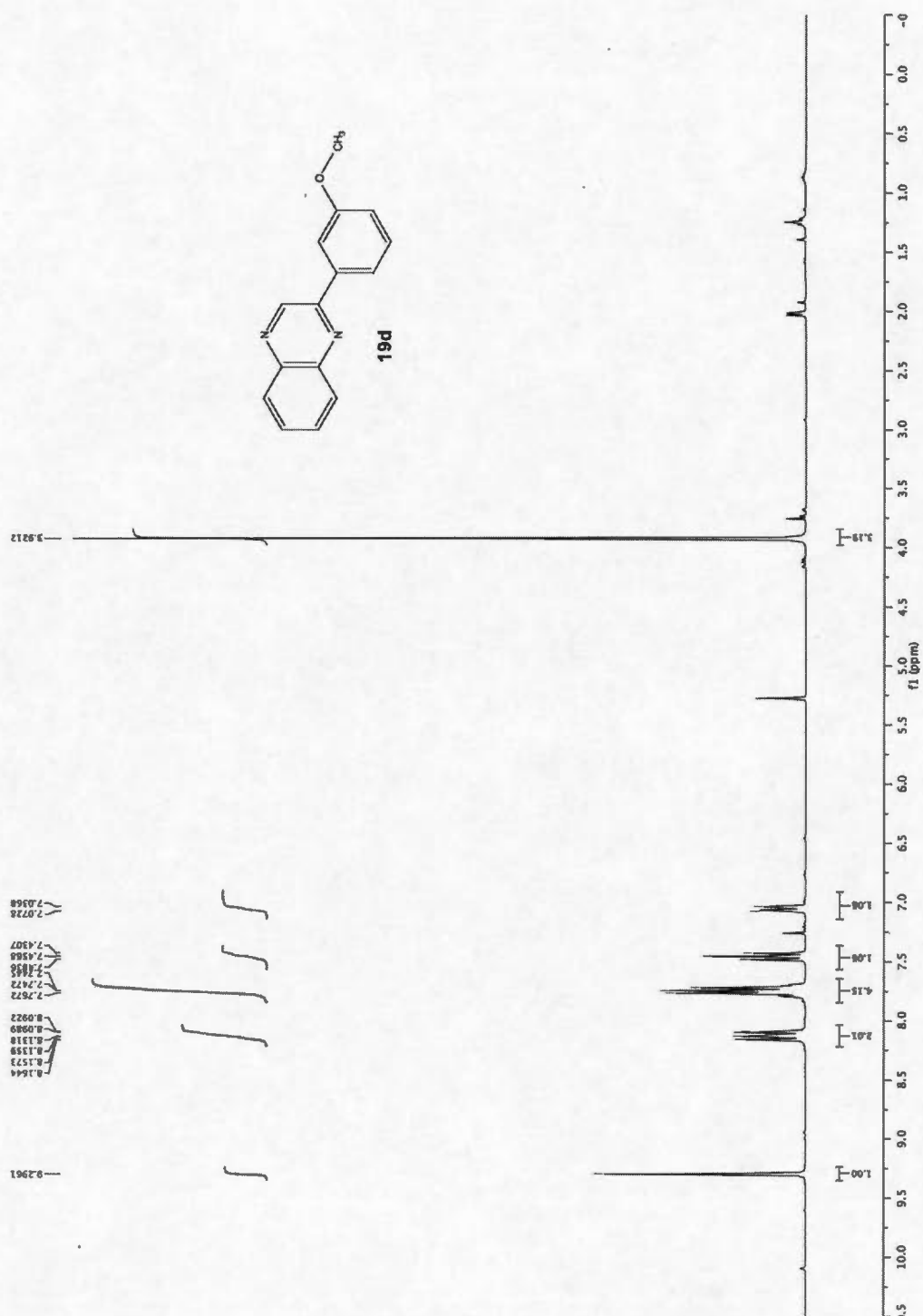




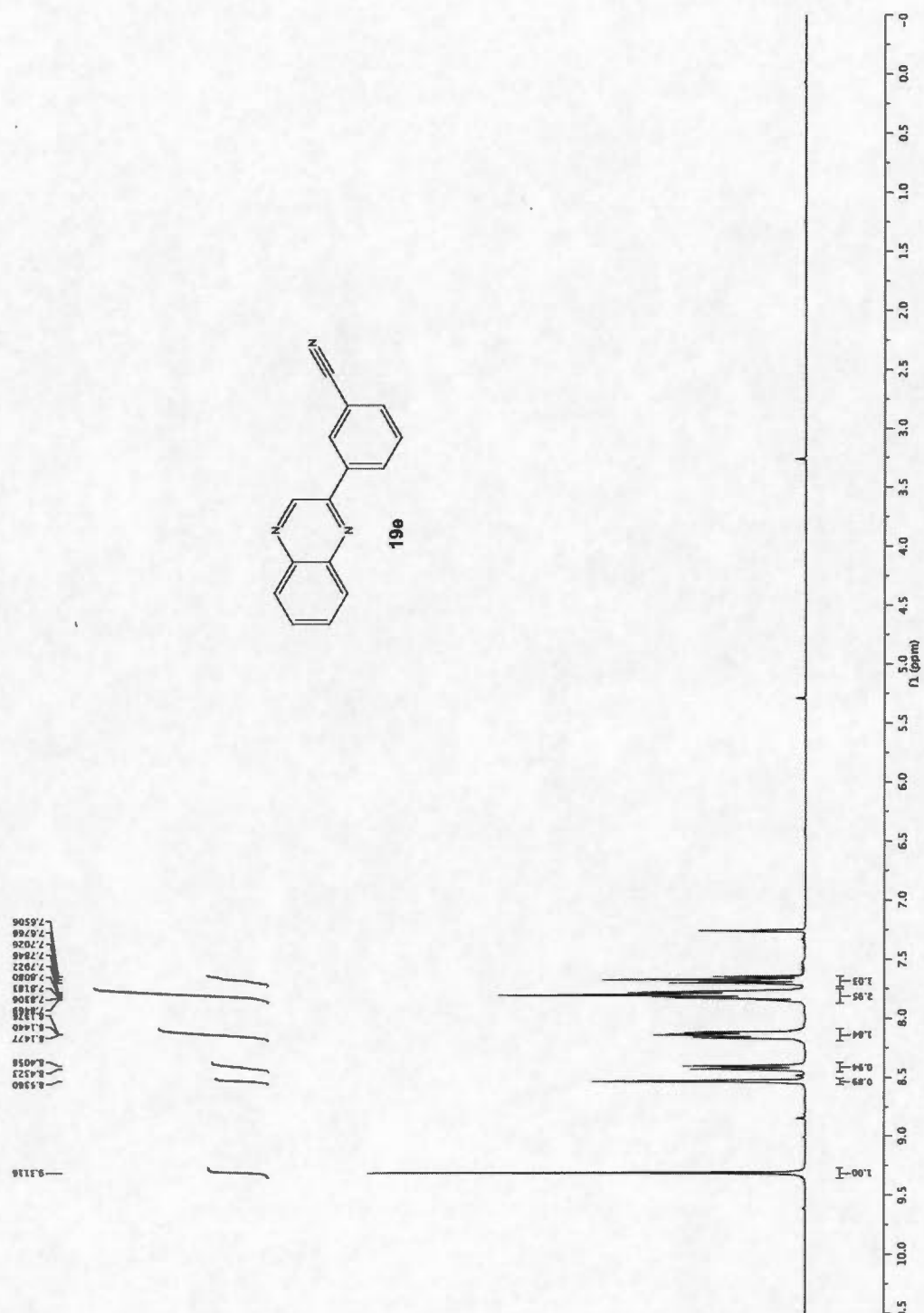


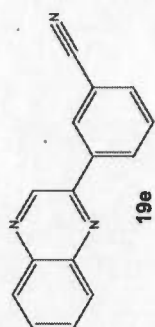




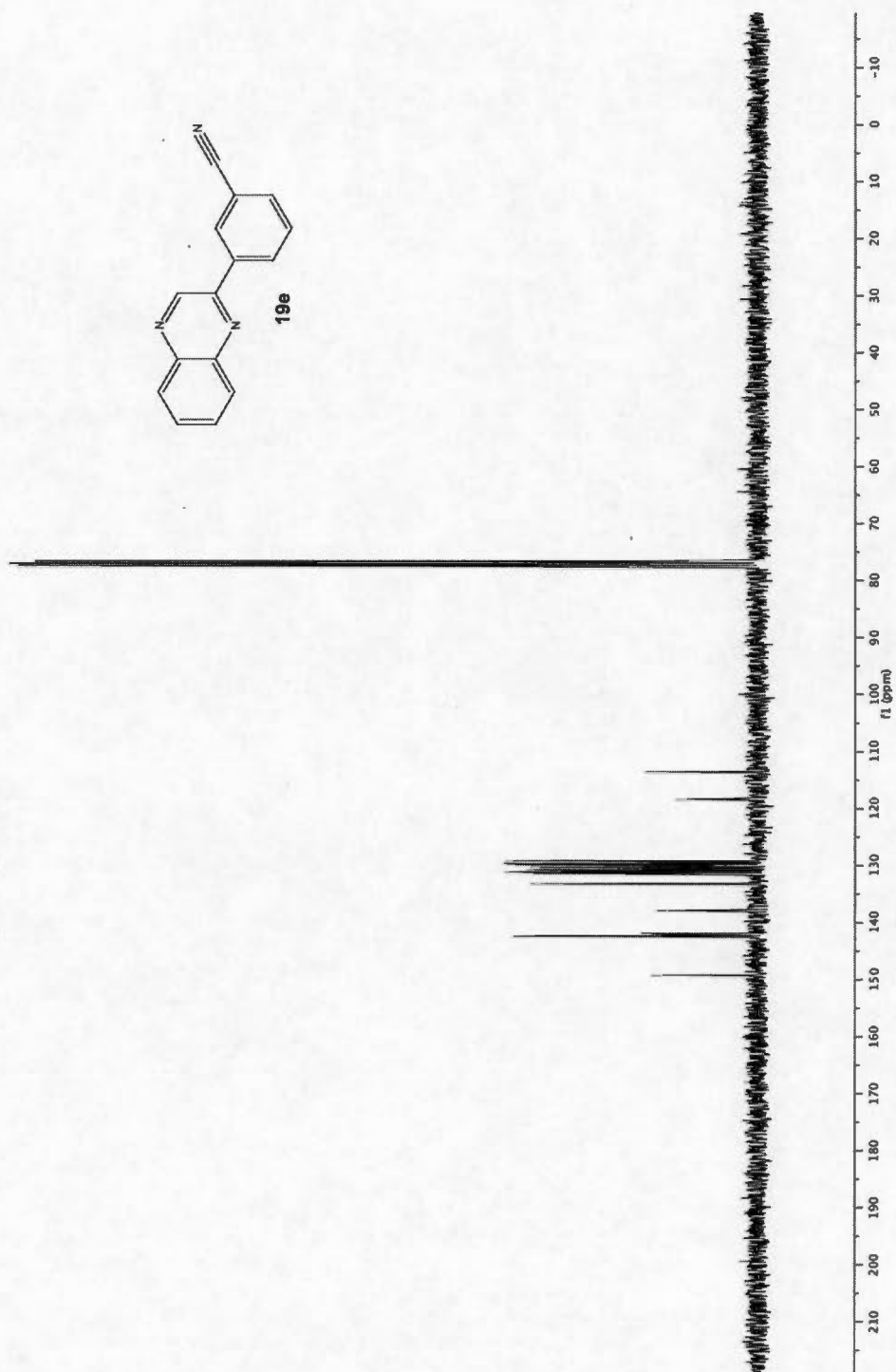


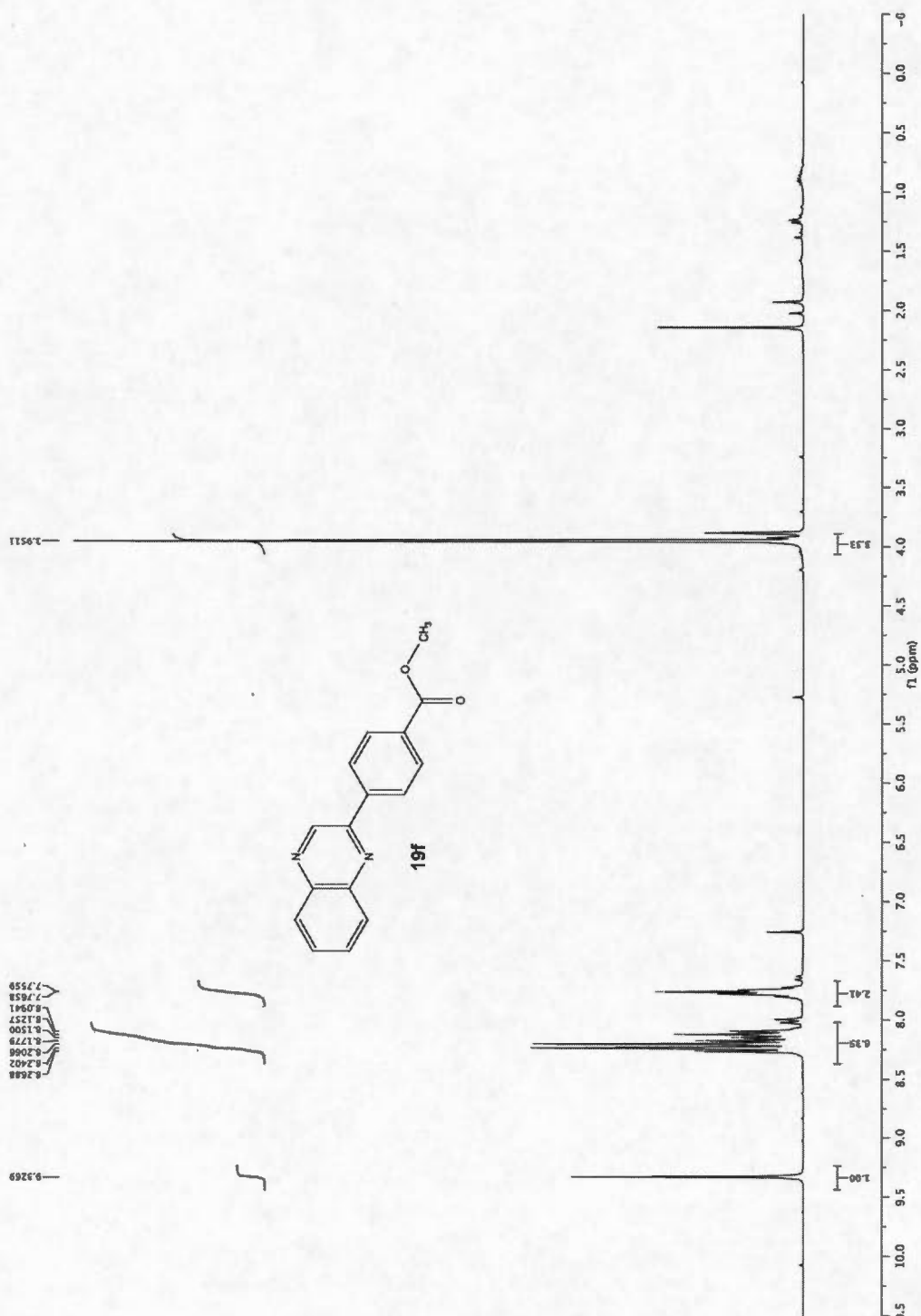


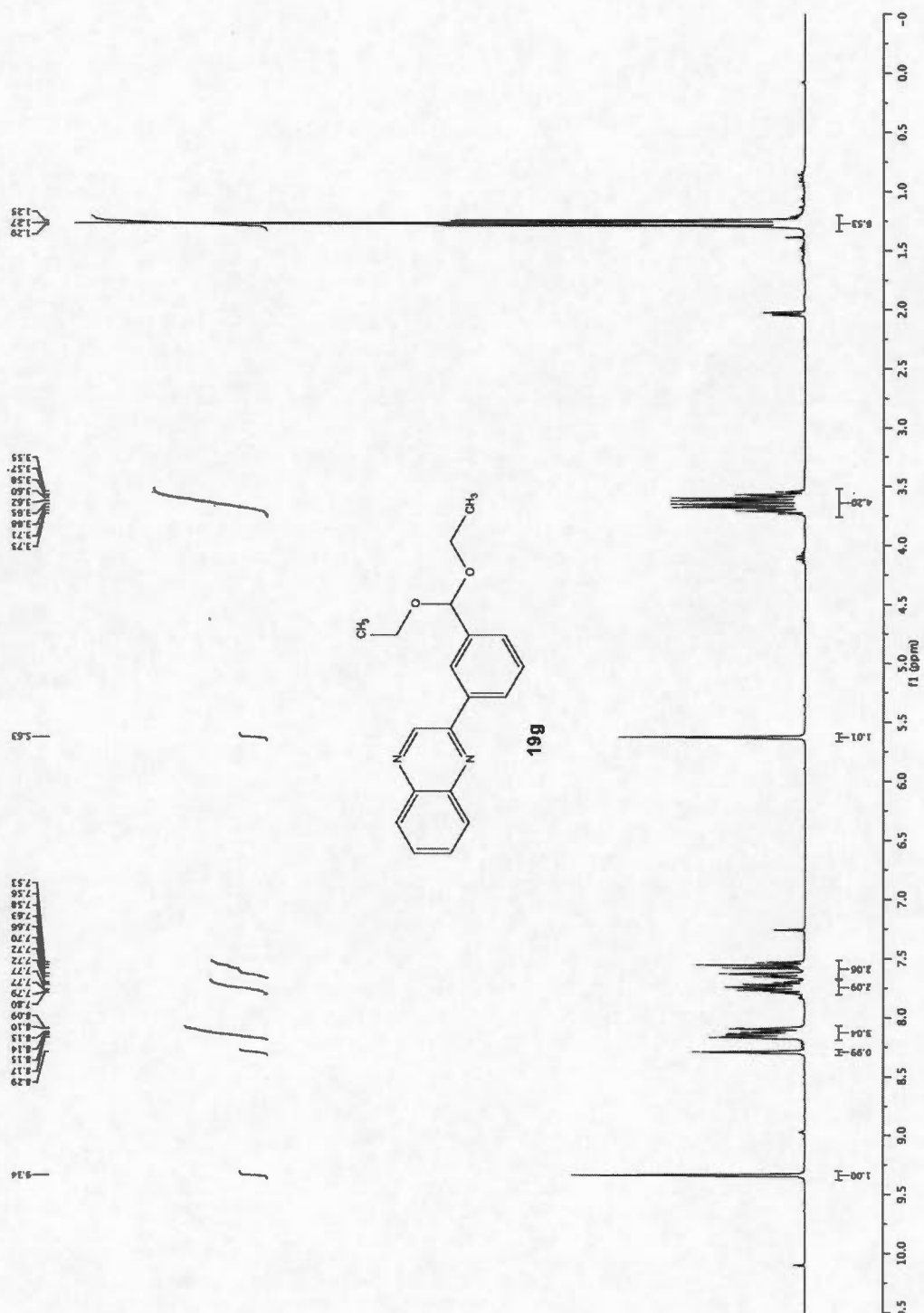


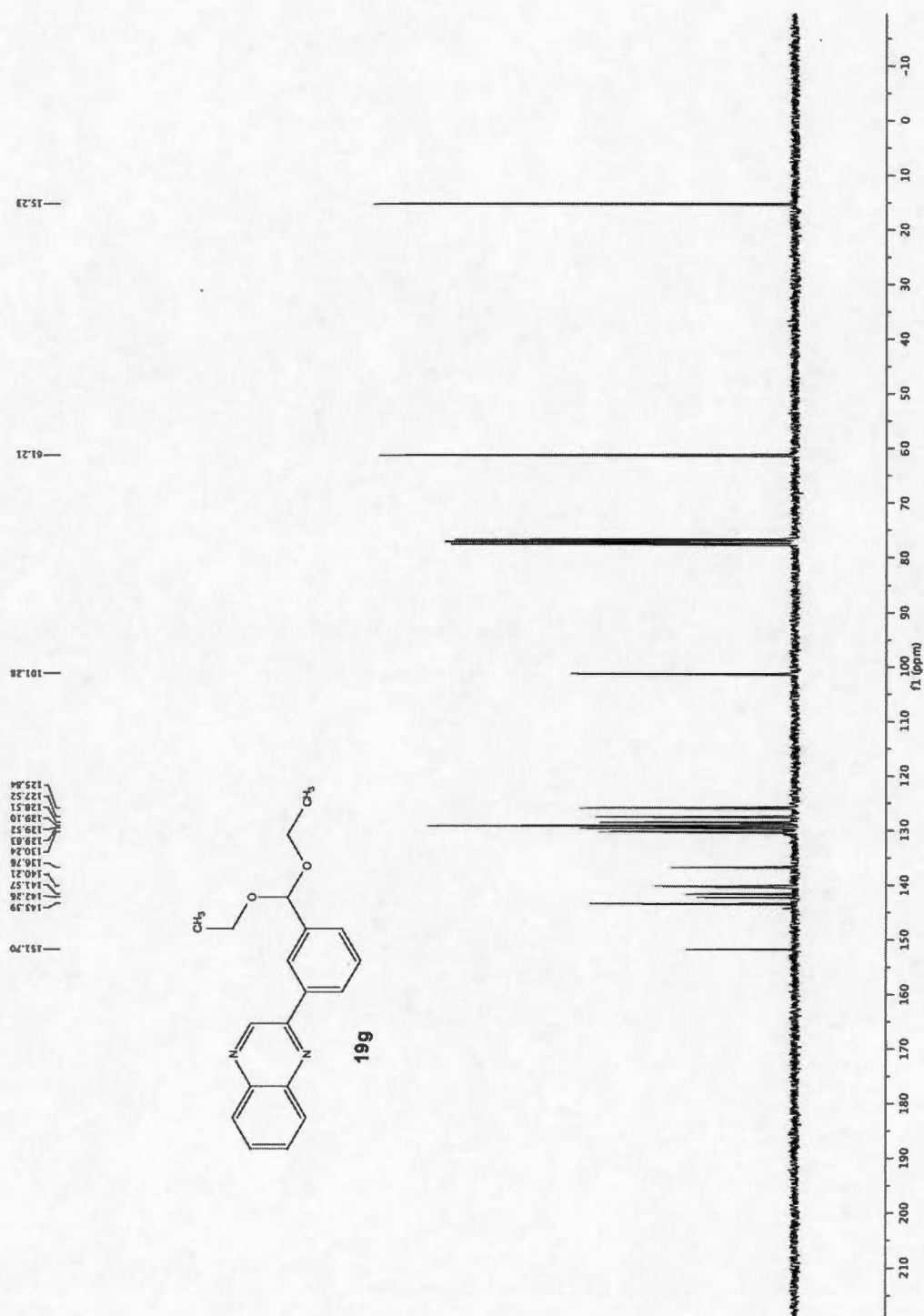


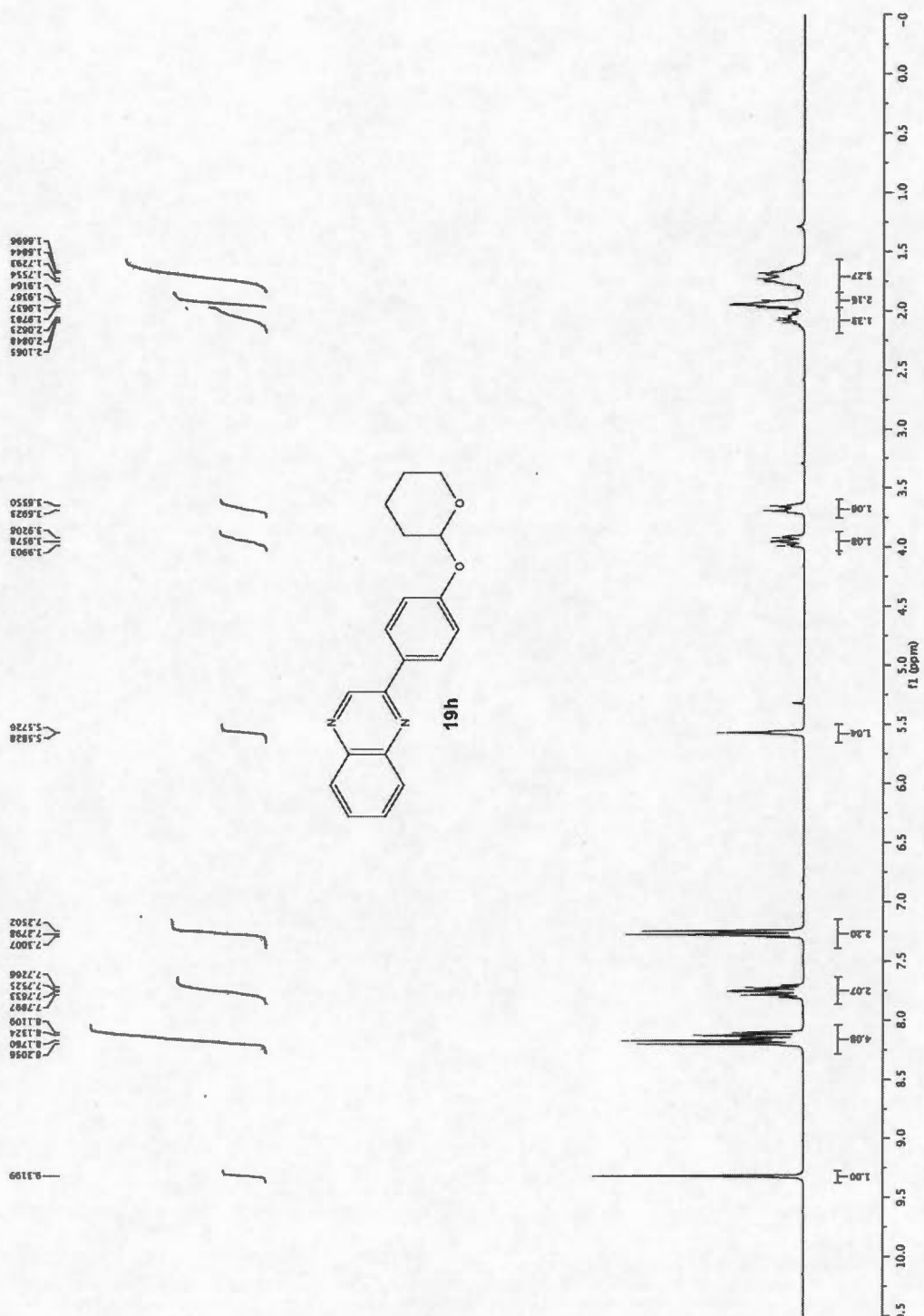
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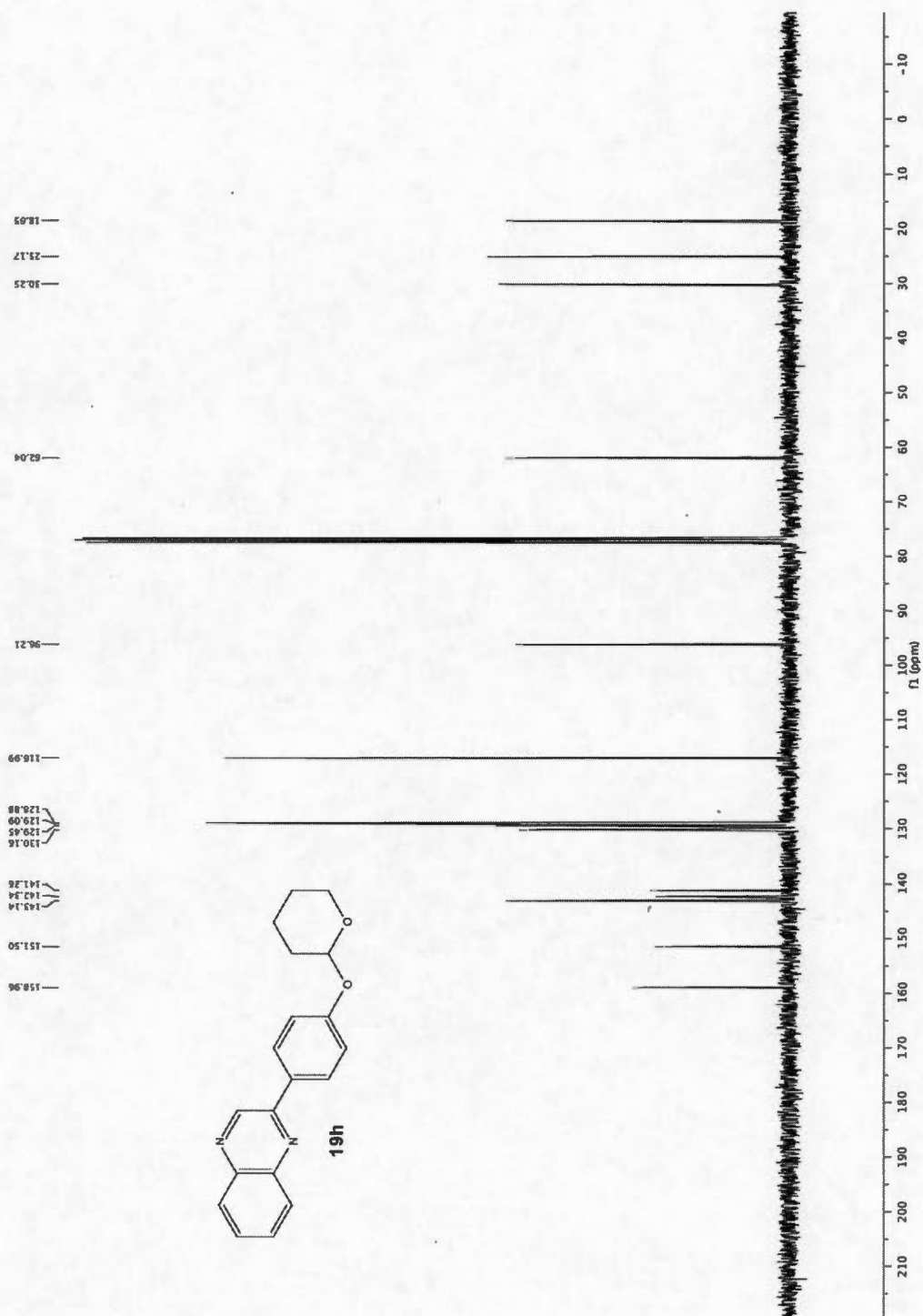


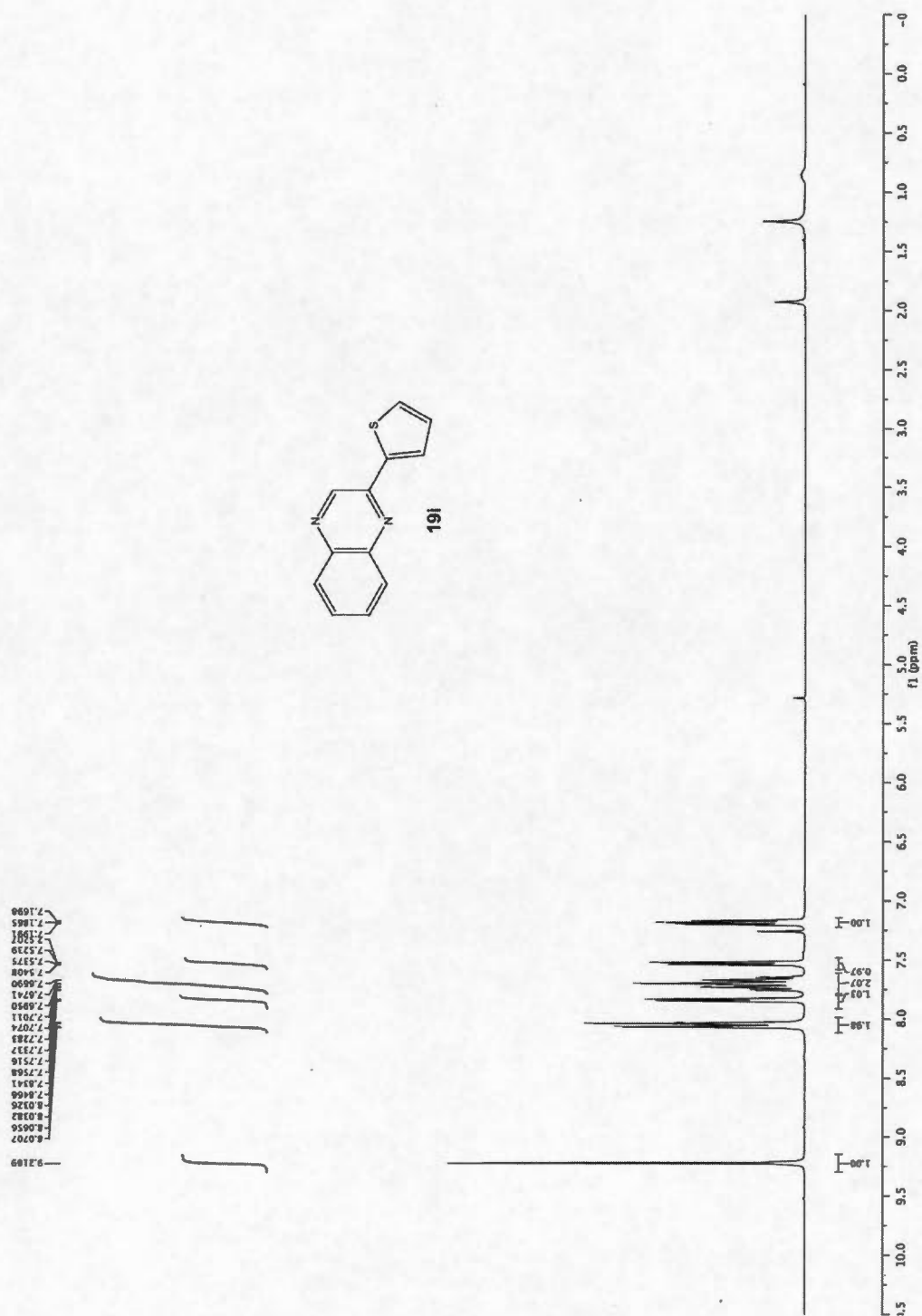




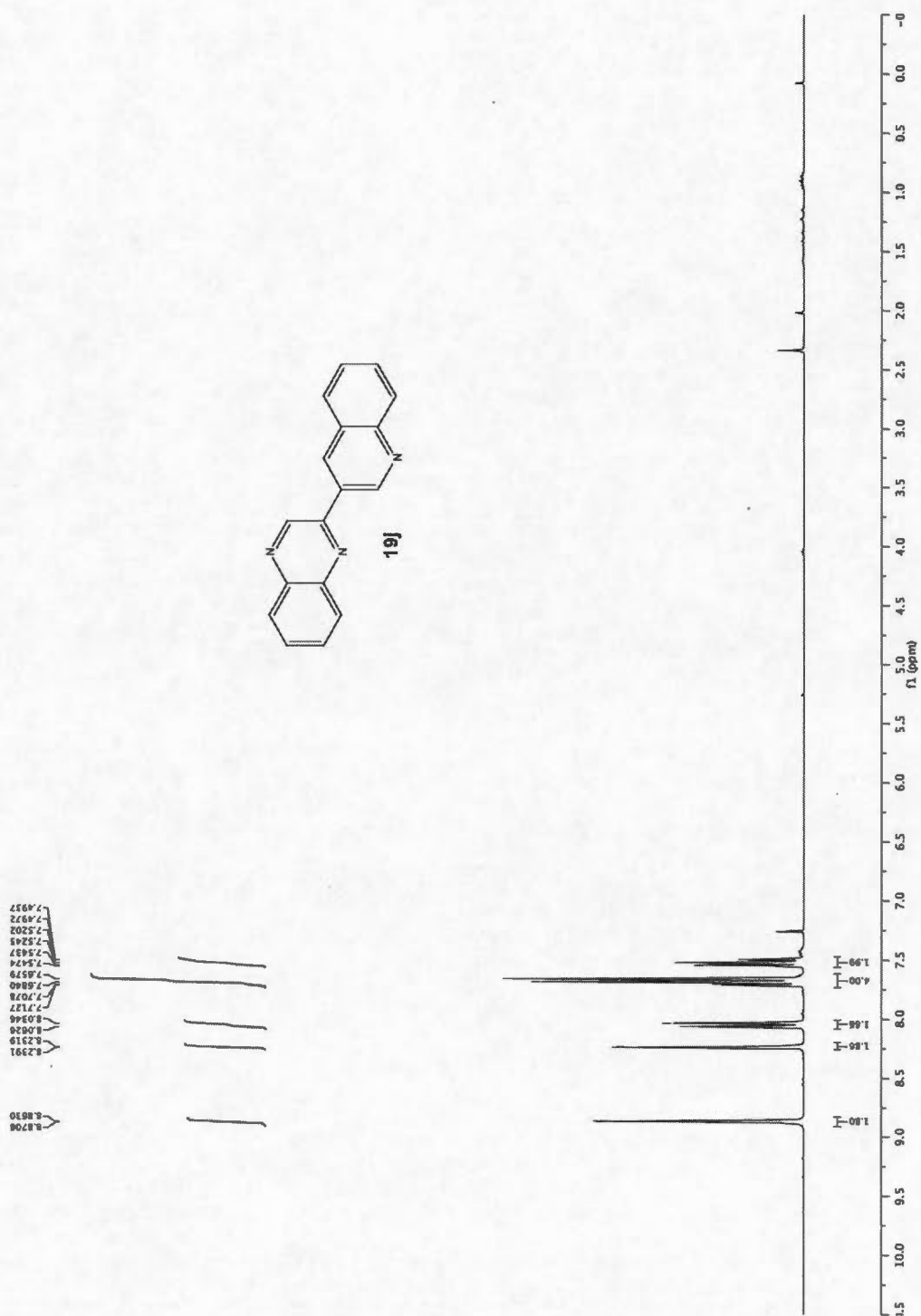




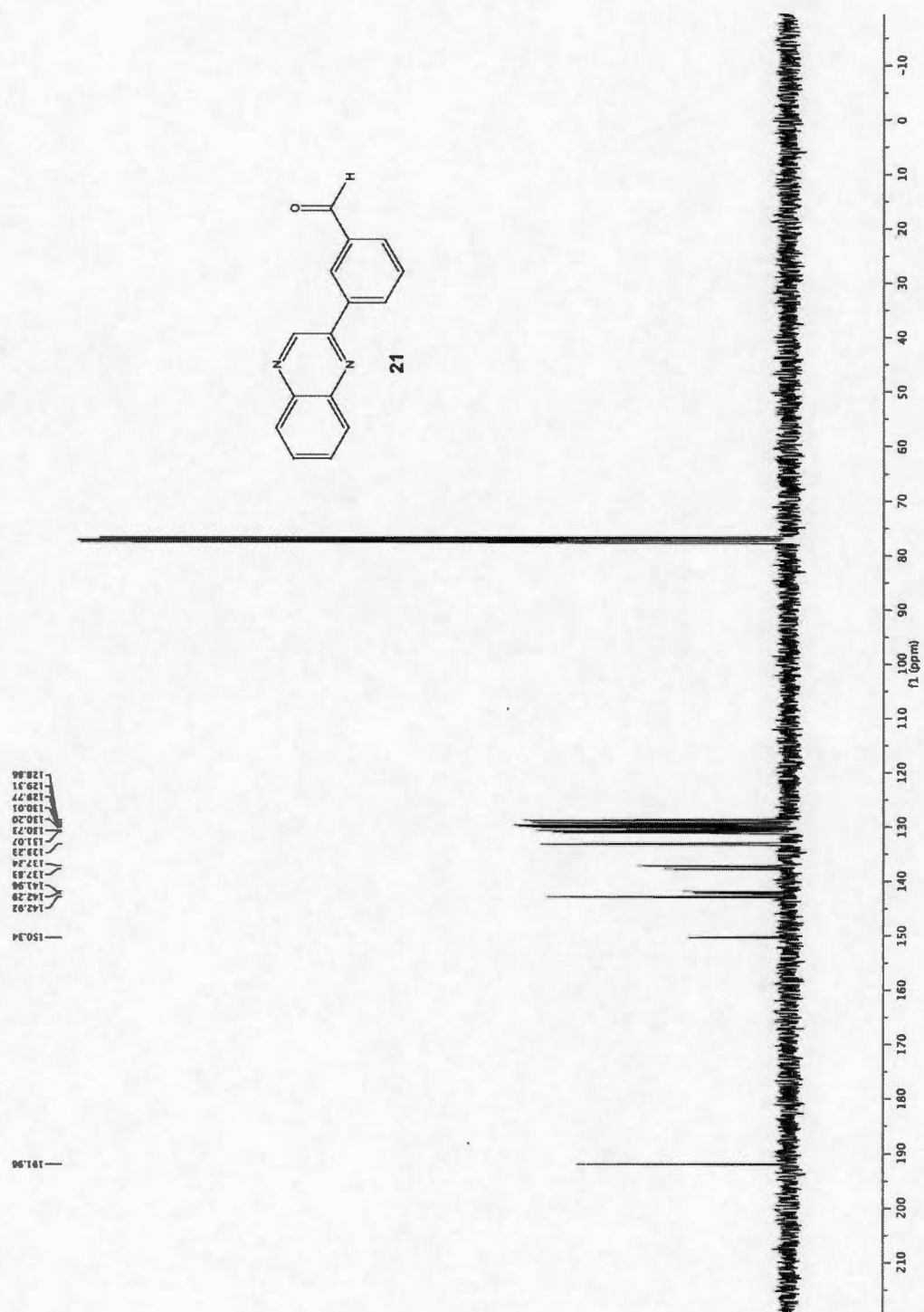














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# Copper-catalyzed *N*-arylation of azoles and diazoles using highly functionalized trivalent organobismuth reagents†

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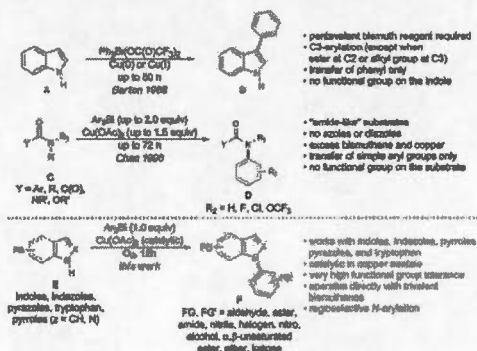
The *N*-arylation of indoles, indazoles, pyrroles, and pyrazoles using highly functionalized trivalent arylbismuth reagents is reported. The reaction is promoted by a substoichiometric amount of copper acetate, and it tolerates a wide diversity of functional groups on the azole and the organobismuth reagent. The method is also applied to the *N*-arylation of tryptophan derivatives.

Azoles and diazoles are common scaffolds that are frequently used in medicinal chemistry to project key pharmacophores along different vectors inside the binding pocket of a biological target.<sup>1,2</sup> *N*-Arylation of these nitrogenated compounds makes it possible to screen for new interactions around an inhibitor<sup>3</sup> and to modify its biophysical properties.<sup>4</sup> *N*-Arylazoles have also found numerous applications in material and polymer sciences.<sup>5</sup> *N*-Arylazoles and diazoles are commonly prepared *via* metal-catalyzed *N*-arylation<sup>6</sup> of *N*-H heteroarenes using aryl halides,<sup>7</sup> arylboronic acids,<sup>8</sup> or aryllead<sup>9</sup> reagents. However, lead reagents are highly toxic, and other methods sometimes require extended reaction times, super-stoichiometric amounts of catalyst or costly ligands to obtain good yields. Consequently, new procedures that lead to the facile installation of densely functionalized aryl groups on azoles and diazoles are still desirable.

Over the past years, we have disclosed a portfolio of reactions for the formation of C–C,<sup>10</sup> C–N,<sup>11</sup> and C–O<sup>12</sup> bonds using organobismuth reagents. Organobismuthanes can be prepared from inexpensive and non-toxic bismuth salts and offer mild reactivity that tolerates the presence of numerous functional groups on both the substrate and the organometallic species.<sup>13</sup> Barton and Finet reported in 1988 the use of triphenylbismuth-trifluoroacetate in the arylation of indole **A** (Scheme 1).<sup>14</sup>

However, the method was applied exclusively to the transfer of an unsubstituted phenyl group and required the use of a pentavalent bismuth species, which is less stable than its trivalent counterpart. More importantly, C3-arylation was observed in most cases, except when the C3 position was blocked by an alkyl group or when an ester was present at the C2 position of indole.

In 1996, Chan published a variation of a protocol disclosed by Barton and Finet,<sup>15</sup> in which trivalent bismuthanes are used to *N*-arylate nitrogenated compounds (Scheme 1).<sup>16</sup> While this method is very useful, it suffers from multiple limitations as it requires up to 2.0 equivalents of the organobismuth reagent, 1.5 equivalents of the copper catalyst and reaction times that are as long as 72 hours. Moreover, the method was not applied to indoles, indazoles, pyrazoles, or pyrroles, but rather to type C compounds, in which the nitrogen atom is connected to a carbonyl functional group. Finally, functional group tolerance was not demonstrated, as only simple arylbismuthanes were coupled with substrates bearing no functionalities.



Scheme 1 Comparison of our *N*-arylation reaction with precedents in the literature.

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We report herein the first method for the *N*-arylation of azoles and diazoles **E** using highly functionalized trivalent bismuth reagents and promoted by catalytic amounts of copper acetate. The procedure exclusively generates the *N*-arylation product and shows exceptional functional group tolerance on both coupling partners. The procedure is also applied to the *N*-arylation of tryptophan derivatives to afford *N*-arylindolyl products.

We began by optimizing the conditions for the phenylation of methyl indole-5-carboxylate **1** using the Barton–Finet–Chan protocol (Table 1).<sup>12,13</sup> Upon reacting 1.0 equivalent of triphenylbismuth with indole **1** in the presence of 1.5 equivalents of copper acetate and 3.0 equivalents of pyridine under air, we obtained the *N*-arylated product **2** regioselectively in quantitative yield (entry 1). This result is interesting and important for two reasons. First, to the best of our knowledge, this is the first time that trivalent organobismuth reagents are used directly in the *N*-arylation of indoles, eliminating the need to prepare the less stable bis-trifluoroacetate species. Second, in contrast with triphenylbismuth leads exclusively to *N*-arylation, as opposed to C3-arylation. Using 0.7 equivalent of the organobismuth species resulted in a 25% decrease in the yield of the reaction, suggesting that only one phenyl group can be transferred from the organobismuth species during the reaction (entry 2).

In order to develop a more efficient protocol, we next sought to reduce the catalyst loading. Unfortunately, the use of a stoichiometric amount of copper acetate led to a significant decrease in the yield of the reaction (entry 3), motivating us to revisit other parameters of the reaction. Changing the base to triethylamine proved inconsequential (entry 4), but an

improvement in the yield of the reaction was observed on conducting the reaction in acetonitrile (entry 5). We recently reported the beneficial effect of oxygen during our studies on the *O*-arylation of phenols using trivalent organobismuthanes.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, we next investigated the use of oxygen as the reaction atmosphere and observed a near quantitative yield for the formation of **2** (entry 6). To further validate the importance of oxygen, we performed the reaction under argon and observed a yield similar to when the reaction was run under ambient air, thus confirming the positive effect of oxygen on the reaction (entry 7 vs. 3). Encouraged by this observation, we then gradually lowered the amount of catalyst and found that the yield was retained upon using 10 mol% of copper acetate (entry 8). However, reducing the loading further was not tolerated and produced only a modest yield of the desired *N*-phenyl indole **2** (entry 9). Although Barton reported that the *exclusion* of oxygen led to a negative impact on the arylation of amines with trivalent organobismuthanes,<sup>13</sup> the possibility of lowering the copper acetate loading by performing the reaction under pure oxygen was not demonstrated. It is likely that the role of the oxygen is to oxidize the copper species with lower valency, which are generated during the reaction, to the +2 oxidation state. To minimize the amount of base, we performed the reaction using 1.0 equivalent of pyridine and still obtained a near quantitative yield of product **2** (entry 10). The exploration of non-halogenated solvents (entries 11–13) led to the identification of THF as the best alternative to dichloromethane. Using our optimal conditions, we next explored the impact of varying the steric and electronic properties of the organobismuthane on the yield of the arylation reaction. The functionalized organobismuthanes

Table 1 Optimization of reaction conditions for the *N*-phenylation of methyl-indole-5-carboxylate **1** using triphenylbismuth

Entry	Ph <sub>3</sub> Bi (x equiv.)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (y equiv.)	Base	Solvent	Atm.	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	1.0	1.5	Pyridine	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Air	99
2	0.7	1.5	Pyridine	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Air	74
3	1.0	1.0	Pyridine	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Air	45
4	1.0	1.0	Et <sub>3</sub> N	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Air	45
5	1.0	1.0	Pyridine	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	Air	76
6	1.0	1.0	Pyridine	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	96
7	1.0	1.0	Pyridine	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ar	47
8	1.0	0.1	Pyridine	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	99
9	1.0	0.05	Pyridine	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	45
10 <sup>b</sup>	1.0	0.1	Pyridine	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	96
11	1.0	0.1	Pyridine	THF	O <sub>2</sub>	82
12	1.0	0.1	Pyridine	DME	O <sub>2</sub>	57
13	1.0	0.1	Pyridine	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	O <sub>2</sub>	54

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of pure product **2**. <sup>b</sup> Reaction performed with 1.0 equiv. of base.

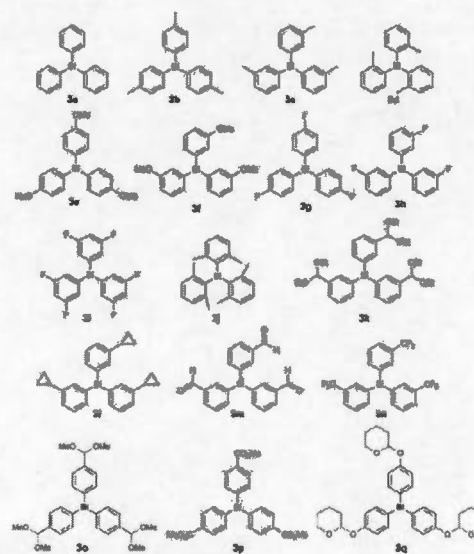


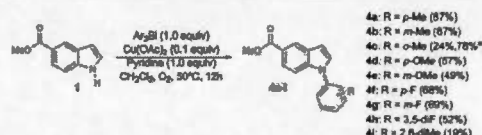
Fig. 1 Functionalized organobismuthanes **3a–q** used in the *N*-arylation of azoles and diazoles.



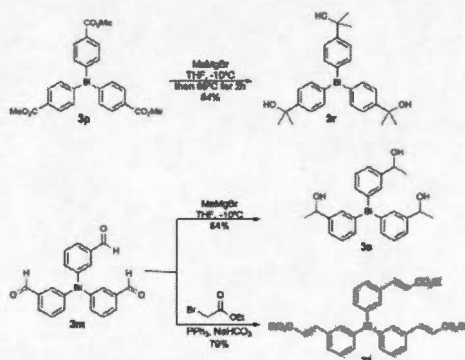
needed for this study (Fig. 1) were prepared according to procedures that we previously reported.<sup>16b,23</sup>

Our studies show that the transfer of *para* and *meta*-tolyl groups proceeds efficiently, delivering the corresponding products 4a and 4b in excellent yields (Scheme 2). The transfer of the more sterically hindered *ortho*-tolyl group proved more challenging and required a higher catalyst loading to provide the desired product 4c in an acceptable yield. While it is difficult to establish a clear correlation between the electronic properties of the organobismuthane and the yield of the arylation reaction, the results obtained to date demonstrate that good yields are afforded by using triarylbi-muthanes substituted with electron-donating (4a, b, d) and electron-withdrawing (4e–h) groups. Interestingly, a 2,6-dimethylphenyl unit was installed on indole 1 using our conditions, although with a modest yield (compound 4i). Note that very few methods exist for the transfer of this highly hindered group.<sup>27</sup>

In order to further expand the functional group tolerance, we prepared three new bismuth reagents by performing a functional group manipulation directly on selected organobismuthanes. As illustrated in Scheme 3, triarylbi-muthanes 3r and 3s, bearing alcohol functional groups, were synthesized by Grignard addition on the ester 3p and on the aldehyde 3m, respectively. These groups are important in medicinal chemistry as the presence of an alcohol group controls the



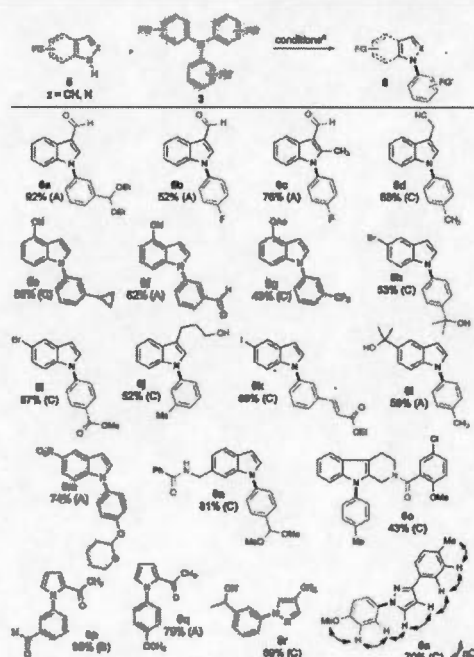
Scheme 2 Steric and electronic effects of organobismuthane on the *N*-arylation of 1. <sup>a</sup> Alternative conditions were employed for compound 4c: Ar<sub>3</sub>Bi (1.0 equiv.), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 equiv.), pyridine (3.0 equiv.), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C, 12 h.



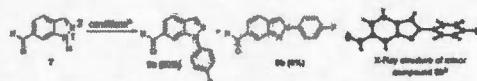
Scheme 3 Preparation of highly functionalized organobismuthanes by functional group manipulation.

lipophilicity (log *D*) of arylated products that are generated in the next step. A Horner–Emmons–Wadsworth reaction was also performed on 3m to furnish the cinnamyl ester 3t. This functional group is also frequently found in numerous bioactive compounds.

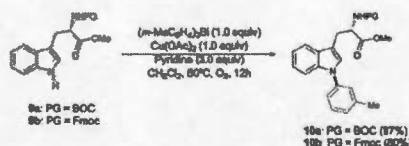
The scope of the reaction was then studied by arylating different azoles and diazoles 5 using highly functionalized triarylbi-muthanes 3a–t (Scheme 4). Our investigations reveal that the reaction proceeds smoothly on indoles (6a–o), pyrroles (6p, q), and pyrazoles<sup>28</sup> (6r, s) to afford the desired *N*-arylated products in good to excellent yields. These results also suggest that the substitution pattern of the indole has little impact on the outcome of the reaction. However, using our conditions, we were not able to arylate 7-methylindole, possibly due to the development of a strong 1,3-allylic-type strain during the formation of the product. In the case of pyrazole 6s, the product of arylation on the nitrogen distal to the tolyl group was obtained, as confirmed by NMR studies. Importantly, the procedure tolerates a wide variety of functional groups on the azole such as aldehydes (6a–c), nitriles (6d–f), *O*-acetates (6g), nitro groups (6m), amides (6n, o), and ketones (6p, q). Note that



Scheme 4 *N*-Arylation of azoles and diazoles 5 using functionalized triarylbi-muthanes 3a–t. <sup>a</sup> Condition A: Ar<sub>3</sub>Bi (1.0 equiv.), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.1 equiv.), pyridine (1.0 equiv.), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C; condition B: Ar<sub>3</sub>Bi (1.0 equiv.), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.1 equiv.), pyridine (3.0 equiv.), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C; condition C: Ar<sub>3</sub>Bi (1.0 equiv.), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 equiv.), pyridine (3.0 equiv.), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C.



**Scheme 5** *N*-Arylation of 1*H*-indazole-6-carbaldehyde **7**. <sup>a</sup> Conditions: (*p*-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Bi (1.0 equiv.), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 equiv.), pyridine (3.0 equiv.), DCM, 50 °C, O<sub>2</sub>, o.n.; <sup>b</sup> ORTEP diagram of compound **8b**; thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.



**Scheme 6** *N*-Arylation of tryptophan derivatives **9a, b**.

bromides (**6h, i**), and iodides (**6k**), which could be expected to interfere in the direct *N*-arylation of azoles with aryl halides, were found to be inert under these conditions. Numerous functional groups can also be present on the organobismuth reagents, such as acetals (**6a, m, n**), fluorides (**6b, c**), aldehydes (**6f, p**), esters (**6i**), ethers (**6q, s**) and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters (**6k**). Interestingly, we found that an alcohol can be present on the substrate (**6j, l**) or on the arylbismuth reagent (**6r**) without undergoing *O*-arylation; moreover, a secondary amide is not arylated under these conditions (**6n**). Lastly, a cyclopropylphenyl (**6e**) and a trifluoromethylphenyl (**6g**) group were efficiently transferred using this method. These groups are important in medicinal chemistry as they show increased metabolic stability compared to typical alkyl groups.<sup>19</sup>

The *N*-arylation of indazoles was next evaluated, keeping in mind that a mixture of regioisomers resulting from arylation at N1 and N2 is often obtained with other methods.<sup>19,20</sup> When 1*H*-indazole-6-carbaldehyde **7** was subjected to our conditions, the product **8a** generated from the arylation of N1 was predominantly formed (Scheme 5). The structure of the minor regioisomer **8b** obtained from the arylation of N2 was established by X-ray crystallography.

Derivatives of tryptophan are important in medicinal chemistry as these species are involved in numerous biological processes and diseases.<sup>21</sup> The post-synthetic modification of peptides containing tryptophan residues has also found applications in chemical biology.<sup>22</sup> To the best of our knowledge, very few methods for the *N*-arylation of tryptophan derivatives have been reported in the literature.<sup>23</sup> Notably, Boc- and Fmoc-protected tryptophan derivatives **9a** and **9b** were smoothly *N*-arylated using our protocol to selectively provide the *N*-indolyl derivatives **10a, b** in good yield (Scheme 6).<sup>24</sup>

## Conclusions

In summary, we have developed an efficient and general method for the *N*-arylation of indoles, indazoles, pyrroles, and

pyrazoles that proceeds directly using highly functionalized trivalent organobismuth reagents. The transformation is promoted by catalytic amounts of copper acetate and tolerates an exceptional diversity of functional groups on both coupling partners, giving access to highly functionalized azoles. The protocol was also applied to the *N*-arylation of tryptophan derivatives. Application of this methodology to other arylation reactions, including amino-acids and tryptophan-containing peptides, is in progress in our laboratory and the results will be reported in due course.

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## ANNEXE F

### "COPPER-CATALYZED *N*-ARYLATION OF AZOLES AND DIAZOLES USING HIGHLY FUNCTIONALIZED TRIVALENT ORGANOBI SMUTH REAGENTS" SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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### 1. General information

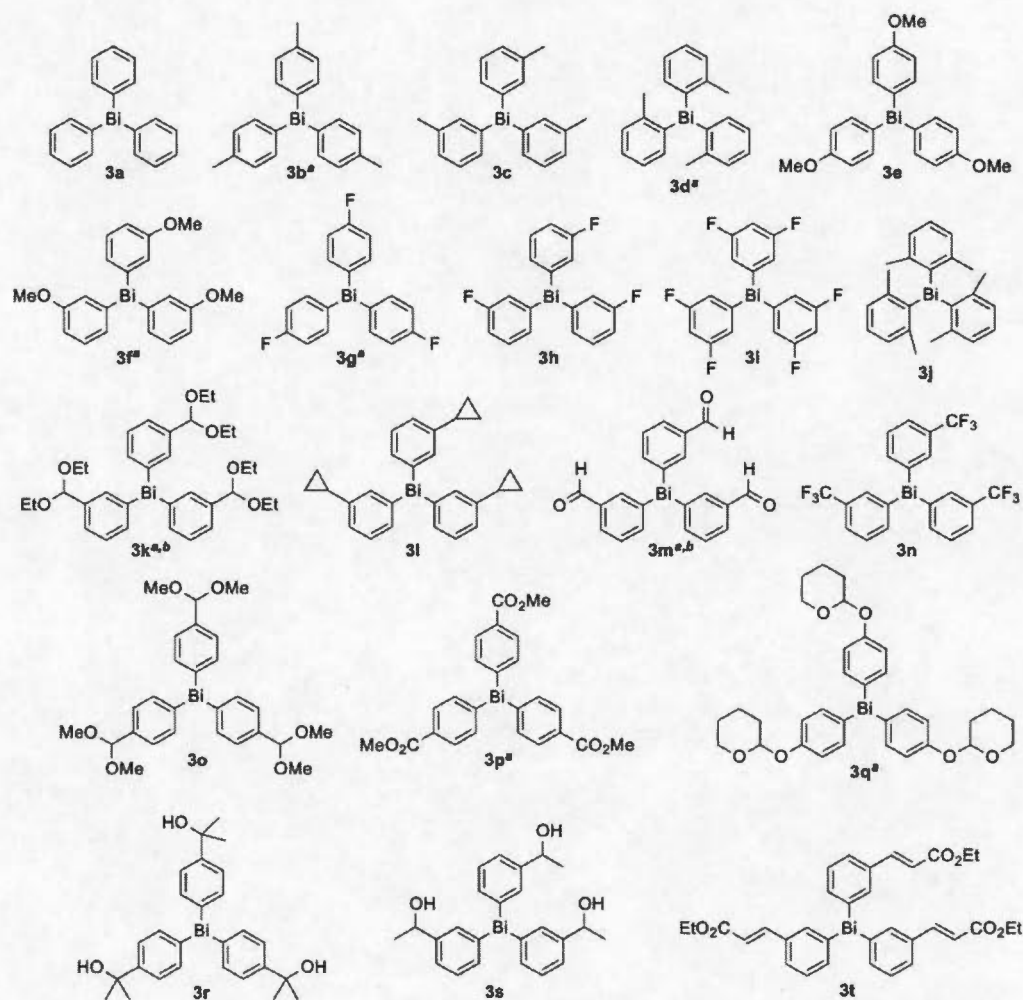
Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were run under argon in non-flame dried glassware. For reactions performed under oxygen, 99.6% extra dry oxygen was used. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents were used without further purification. Grignard reagents were prepared by conventional methods using metallic magnesium or via Knochel's procedure.<sup>1</sup> Triphenylbismuth was prepared according to Barton *et al.*<sup>2</sup> Triarylbismuthanes were prepared according to procedures that we previously reported.<sup>3,4</sup> Anhydrous solvents were obtained using a MBRAUN (model MB-SPS 800) encapsulated solvent purification system. The evolution of reactions was monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography using silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates. Flash chromatography was performed employing 230-400 mesh silica (Silicycle) using the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques.<sup>5</sup> Melting points were taken on an Electrothermal Mel-TEMP and are uncorrected. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C) were recorded on a Bruker Avance-III 300MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform,  $\delta$  7.27 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qt = quintuplet, dd = doublet of doublet, m = multiplet), coupling constant *J* in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane using the central peak of deuteriochloroform ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm) as the internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet 6700 PT-IR from thin films and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). HRMS were performed at Université du Québec à Montréal (nanoQAM center) on Agilent Technologies, LC 1200 Series / 6210 TOF LCMS analyzer using the electrospray (ESI) mode.



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## 2. Triarylbi-muthanes used in the *N*-arylation reaction of azoles and diazoles

The organobismuthanes used in this publication are illustrated in Figure S1.



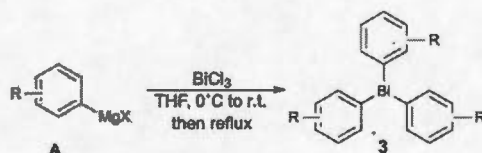
**Figure S1.** Functionalized organobismuthanes used in this publication. <sup>a</sup> The synthesis of these organobismuthanes has been reported in P. Petiot and A. Gagnon, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, 2013, 5282; <sup>b</sup> The synthesis of these organobismuthanes has been reported in C. Crifar, P. Petiot, T. Ahmad and A. Gagnon, *Chem. Eur. J.* 2014, 2755.

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### 3. Synthesis of triarylbi-muthanes

Triphenylbismuth was synthesized according to Barton *et al.* (D. H. R. Barton, N. Y. Bhatnagar, J.-P. Finet and W. B. Motherwell, *Tetrahedron*, 1986, **42**, 3111). Triarylbi-muthanes **3b**, **3d**, **3f**, **3g**, **3k**, **3m**, **3p** and **3q** were synthesized according to P. Petiot and A. Gagnon (*Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, **2013**, 5282) and C. Crifar, P. Petiot, T. Ahmad and A. Gagnon (*Chem. Eur. J.*, **2014**, 2755). The procedure for the preparation of organobismuthanes **3c**, **3e**, **3h**, **3i**, **3j**, **3l**, **3n**, **3o**, **3r**, **3s**, and **3t** is described below.

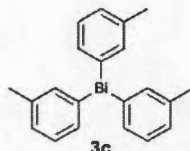
#### a) General procedure for the synthesis of substituted triarylbi-muthanes



In a flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser, bismuth chloride (500 mg, 1.6 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (23 mL) under argon and was cooled to  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  (ice/acetone bath). The organomagnesium reagent **A** (5.23 mmol) was slowly added dropwise under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour and heated at  $65^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 minutes. After cooling to r.t., the solution was diluted with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (2 x 100 mL), sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (2 x 100 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the indicated solvent system to afford the desired triarylbi-muthane **3**.

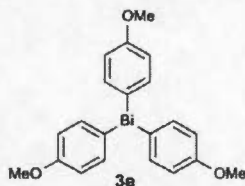
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**Tris(3-methylphenyl)bismuthine (3c)**



The general procedure was followed on a 2.4 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3-tolylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-methylphenyl)bismuthine (**3c**) as a white solid (1.0 g, 87%); m.p. 64–66°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound<sup>6</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

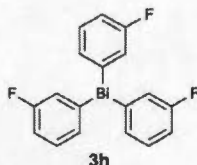
**Tris(4-methoxyphenyl)bismuthine (3e)**



The general procedure was followed on a 4.4 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 4-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(4-methoxyphenyl)bismuthine (**3e**) as a white solid (1.8 g, 78%); m.p. 70–74°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound<sup>6</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

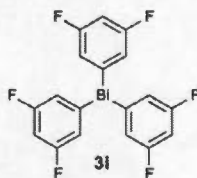
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**Tris(3-fluorophenyl)bismuthine (3h)**



The general procedure was followed on a 2.5 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3-fluorophenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-fluorophenyl)bismuthine (**3h**) as a white solid (1.0 g, 81%); m.p. 69-73°C. Spectral data was identical to literature compound<sup>7</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 1H).

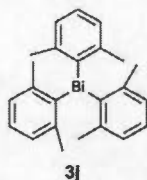
**Tris(3,5-difluorophenyl)bismuthine (3i)**



The general procedure was followed on a 2.7 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3,5-difluorophenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3,5-difluorophenyl)bismuthine (**3i**) as a yellow solid (1.1 g, 74%); m.p. 100-104°C; *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.68 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.5 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 164.2 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 119.7 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.4 Hz), 104.6 (t, *J* = 24.8 Hz); IR (neat) 3088, 1582, 1410, 1263, 1116; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BiF<sub>6</sub>: 548.0412, found 593.0395 (M+HCO<sub>2</sub>).

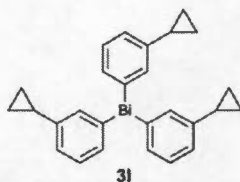
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**Tris(2,6-dimethylphenyl)bismuthine (3j)**



The general procedure was followed on a 2.5 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 2,6-dimethylphenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(2,6-dimethylphenyl)bismuthine (**3j**) as a white solid (1.1 g, 84%); m.p. 128-130°C;  $R_f$  0.80 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.14-7.10 (m, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.4, 146.0, 128.3, 127.9, 28.1; IR (neat) 3045, 2960, 2918, 1442, 763.

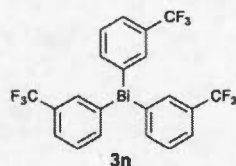
**Tris(3-cyclopropylphenyl)bismuthine (3l)**



The general procedure was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3-cyclopropylphenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-cyclopropylphenyl)bismuthine (**3l**) as a colorless oil (151 mg, 87%);  $R_f$  0.71 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.87-1.81 (m, 1H), 0.95-0.88 (m, 2H), 0.65-0.61 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.1, 145.8, 135.0, 134.8, 130.4, 125.1, 15.6, 9.5; IR (neat) 3078, 3039, 3001, 1589, 1560.

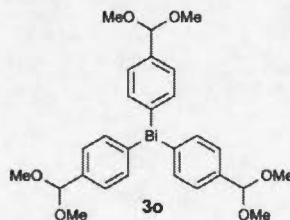
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**Tris(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)bismuthine (3n)**



The general procedure was followed on a 4.4 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 3-trifluoromethylphenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)bismuthine (**3n**) as a yellow oil (2.7 g, 95%):  $R_f$  0.56 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.2, 140.8 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz), 133.9 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 132.8 (q,  $J = 31.8$  Hz), 131.2, 125.3 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 122.5; IR (neat) 3051, 2959, 1592, 1319, 1308, 1114, 1070; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{BiF}_9$ : 644.0599, found 689.0592 ( $\text{M} + \text{HCO}_2$ ).

**Tris(4-(dimethoxymethyl)phenyl)bismuthine (3o)**



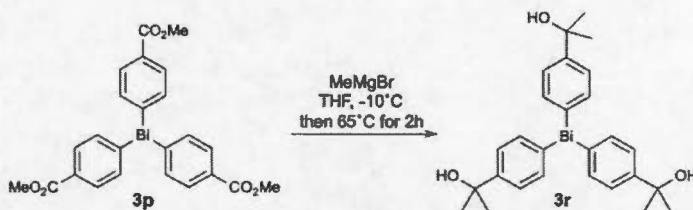
The general procedure was followed on a 3.2 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and 4-(dimethoxymethyl)phenylmagnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(4-(dimethoxymethyl)phenyl)-bismuthine (**3o**) as a yellow oil (2.1 g, quant.):  $R_f$  0.32 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.34 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.4,

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137.7, 137.5, 128.8, 103.4, 52.9; IR (neat) 2988, 2934, 2903, 2827, 1348, 1207, 1180, 1096, 1048.

**b) Procedures for the synthesis of functionalized organobismuthanes by functional group manipulation**

**4,4',4''-Bismuthylidyne tris[ $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzenemethanol] (3r)**

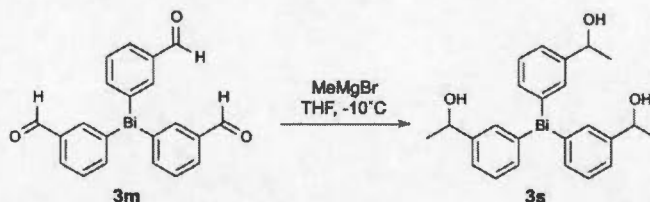


A solution of tris(4-carbomethoxyphenyl)bismuthine **3p** (100 mg, 0.2 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL), was cooled to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  (acetone/ice bath) and methylmagnesium bromide (0.6 mL, 1.2 mmol, 2M in THF) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was heated at  $65^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 2h, then cooled to r.t., transferred over aq. sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (10 mL) and sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (3 x 10 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 4,4',4''-bismuthylidyne tris[ $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzenemethanol] (**3r**) as a colorless oil (103 mg, 84%):  $R_f$  0.53 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s(br), 1H), 1.56 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8, 148.7, 137.5, 126.6, 72.6, 31.7; IR (neat) 3375, 3063, 2973, 2925, 2851, 1384, 1169.



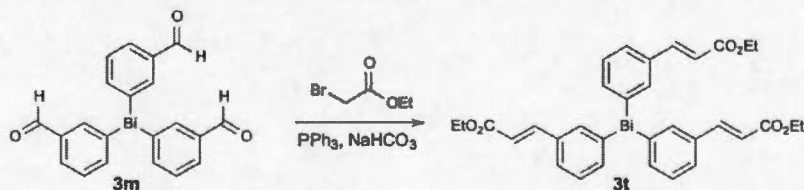
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**3,3',3''-Bismuthylidyne tris[ $\alpha$ -methylbenzenemethanol] (3s)**



A solution of tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthine **3m** (400 mg, 0.8 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL), was cooled to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  (acetone/ice bath) and methylmagnesium bromide (0.83 mL, 2.5 mmol, 3M in THF) was added slowly. After 10 minutes, the reaction mixture was diluted with aq. sat.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (15 mL) and sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (3 x 15 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 3,3',3''-bismuthylidyne tris[ $\alpha$ -methylbenzenemethanol] (**3s**) as a white solid (384 mg, 84%): m.p.  $78\text{--}83^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  0.32 (80% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 2H), 4.88–4.81 (m, 1H), 1.47–1.43 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.6, 147.6, 136.6, 134.6, 130.4, 125.1, 70.3, 25.1; IR (neat) 3348, 3045, 2972, 2869, 1412, 1264; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{BiO}_3$ : 572.1764, found 617.1745 ( $\text{M}+\text{HCO}_2$ ).

**Tris(3-((*E*)-2-propenoic acid ethyl ester)phenyl)bismuthine (3t)**



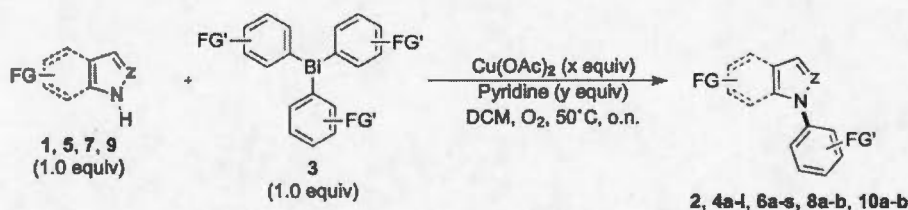


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A solution of  $\text{PPh}_3$  (1.1 g, 4.3 mmol) in sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (25 mL) was stirred at r.t., then tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthine **3m** (500 mg, 0.9 mmol) and ethyl bromoacetate (0.58 mL, 5.2 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2h, acidified with aq.  $\text{HCl}$  1M (5 mL) and then diluted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (3 x 10 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-((*E*)-2-propenoic acid ethyl ester)phenyl)bismuthine (**3t**) as a yellow oil (519 mg, 79%):  $R_f$  0.21 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.8, 156.1, 144.5, 139.3, 137.3, 136.6, 131.2, 127.6, 118.7, 60.5, 14.4; IR (neat) 3042, 2980, 2902, 1703, 1633, 1304, 1164; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{33}\text{BiO}_6$ : 734.2081, found 779.2076 ( $\text{M}+\text{HCO}_2$ ).

#### 4. General procedures for the *N*-arylation of azoles and diazoles

Compound **2**, **4a-i**, **6a-s**, **8a,b** and **10a,b** were prepared according to the following procedures:



Method	Azole (n equiv)	$\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$ ( <b>5</b> ) (m equiv)	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (x equiv)	Pyridine (y equiv)
A	1.0	1.0	0.1	1.0
B	1.0	1.0	0.1	3.0
C	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0

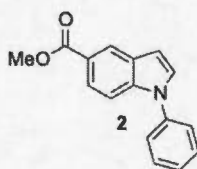
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**Method A:** In a sealed tube, triarylbi-muthine (1.0 equiv) was added, followed by copper (II) acetate (0.1 equiv) and the azole or diazole (1.0 equiv). The reagents were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (4 mL) and pyridine (1.0 equiv) was added to the mixture. The reaction tube was purged by bubbling dry oxygen in the solution for 30 seconds. The tube was sealed and heated at 50°C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t. and transferred in a round bottom flask. Silica gel was added and the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/hexanes as the eluent to give the corresponding product.

**Method B:** Idem as method A except for pyridine (3.0 equiv instead of 1.0 equiv).

**Method C:** Idem as method A except for copper (II) acetate (1.0 equiv instead of 0.1 equiv) and pyridine (3.0 equiv instead of 1.0 equiv).

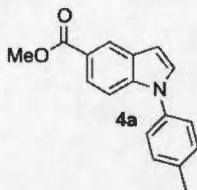
**1-Phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (2)**



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3a**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **2** as a yellow oil (70 mg, 96%). Spectral data was identical to literature<sup>8</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

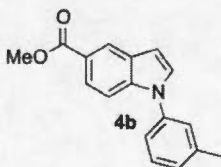
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**1-(4-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4a)**



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3b**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4a** as a yellow solid (67 mg, 87%): m.p. 90-92°C;  $R_f$  0.66 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.1, 138.5, 137.1, 136.8, 130.4, 129.7, 128.8, 124.5, 124.2, 123.7, 122.3, 110.3, 104.6, 52.0, 21.2; IR (neat) 3105, 2938, 2835, 1721, 1709, 1698, 1606, 1523, 1519, 1514, 1446, 1434, 1335, 1311, 1270, 1228, 1197; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ : 265.1103, found 266.1170 (M+H).

**1-(3-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4b)**

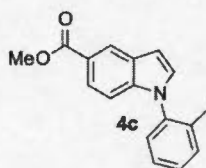


Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3c**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4b** as a yellow oil (67 mg, 87%):  $R_f$  0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.35 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$

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(75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.1, 139.9, 139.2, 138.4, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 125.2, 124.2, 123.7, 122.4, 121.7, 110.3, 104.7, 52.0, 21.5; IR (neat) 3105, 2946, 2835, 1709, 1693, 1605, 1445, 1432, 1334, 1270, 1230, 1191; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ : 265.1103, found 266.1177 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

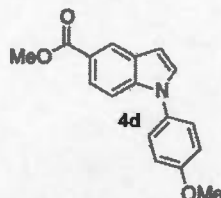
**1-(2-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4c)**



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3d**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4c** as a yellow oil (19 mg, 24%);  $R_f$  0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.2, 139.5, 137.8, 135.9, 131.4, 130.2, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 124.1, 123.6, 122.1, 110.3, 104.0, 52.0, 17.6; IR (neat) 3109, 3027, 2950, 2852, 1720, 1712, 1612, 1513, 1501, 1461, 1445, 1434, 1335, 1300, 1269, 1231, 1196; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ : 265.1103, found 266.1170 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ). Compound **3c** was also obtained (59 mg, 78%) following method C on a 0.285 mmole scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate.

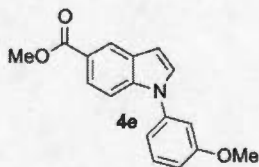
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**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4d)**



Method A was followed on a 0.28 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3e**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4d** as a colorless oil (45 mg, 57%):  $R_f$  0.39 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.74 (dd,  $J$  = 3.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.1, 158.7, 138.8, 132.2, 129.8, 128.5, 126.1, 124.1, 123.6, 122.2, 114.9, 110.1, 104.3, 55.6, 51.9; IR (neat) 3106, 2998, 2949, 2837, 1707, 1611, 1513, 1434, 1298.

**1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4e)**

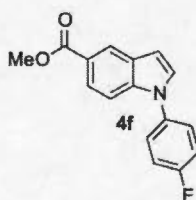


Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3f**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4e** as a yellow oil (40 mg, 49%):  $R_f$  0.47 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd,  $J$  = 9.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd,  $J$  = 3.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$

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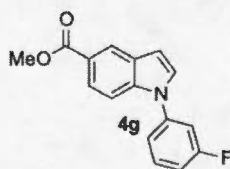
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**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4f)**



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3g**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4f** as a yellow solid (53 mg, 68%). Spectral data was identical to literature<sup>8</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H).

**1-(3-Fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4g)**

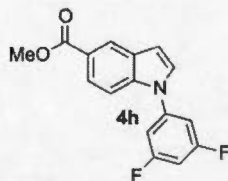


Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3h**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4g** as a yellow solid (54 mg, 69%): m.p. 95-100°C; *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.41 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m,

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1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (td,  $J = 11.6, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dt,  $J = 8.5, 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.9, 164.9, 161.6, 140.8, 140.6, 138.1, 131.1, 131.0, 129.1, 129.0, 124.2, 124.0, 122.8, 120.0, 119.9, 114.1, 113.8, 111.9, 111.6, 110.1, 105.5, 52.0; IR (neat) 3072, 2955, 1714, 1607, 1301, 1283, 1192; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_2$ : 269.0852, found 270.0933 (M+H).

**1-(3,5-Difluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4h)**

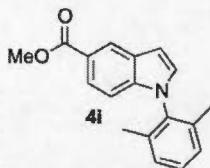


Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3i**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4h** as a yellow solid (43 mg, 52%): m.p. 170-174°C;  $R_f$  0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.79 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.7, 165.3, 165.1, 162.0, 161.8, 141.4, 141.2, 137.8, 129.2, 128.7, 124.4, 124.3, 123.2, 110.0, 107.7, 107.6, 107.5, 107.3, 106.1, 102.8, 102.4, 102.1, 52.1; IR (neat) 3099, 2959, 2922, 1708, 1626, 1598, 1283, 1193, 1116; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ : 287.0758, found 288.0834 (M+H).



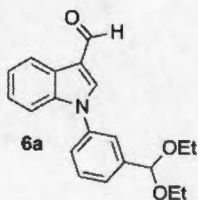
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**1-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4i)**



Method A was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from methyl 1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate and **3j**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **4i** as a yellow oil (15 mg, 19%):  $R_f$  0.53 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.47 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.2, 138.8, 137.1, 136.5, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 124.0, 123.5, 122.0, 109.8, 104.0, 51.9, 17.4; IR (neat) 2948, 2922, 1708, 1611, 1446, 1434, 1295, 1269; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ : 279.1259, found 280.1347 (M+H).

**1-((3-Diethoxymethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (6a)**



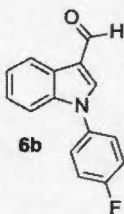
Method A was followed on a 0.34 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde and **3k**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6a** as a yellow oil (101 mg, 92%):  $R_f$  0.18 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.10 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.74-3.55 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,



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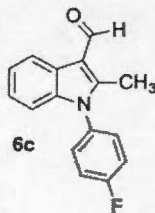
$\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  185.0, 141.8, 138.2, 137.5, 129.8, 126.6, 125.6, 124.7, 124.6, 123.5, 123.1, 122.3, 119.8, 111.1, 100.7, 61.4, 15.3; IR (neat) 3117, 3052, 2966, 2868, 2807, 2762, 2725, 1665, 1660, 1605, 1530, 1493, 1480, 1461, 1309; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ : 323.1521, found 324.1584 (M+H).

**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (6b)**



Method A was followed on a 0.34 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde and **3g**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6b** as a white solid (43 mg, 52%): m.p. 141-143°C. Spectral data was identical to literature<sup>9</sup>:  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 8.29 (dd,  $J$  = 5.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.16 (m, 5H); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNO}$ : 239.0746, found 240.0813 (M+H).

**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (6c)**

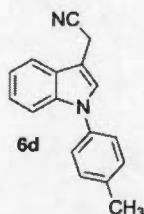


Method A was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 2-methyl-1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde and **3g**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6c** as a

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white solid (60 mg, 76%): m.p. 174-176°C;  $R_f$  0.21 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.15 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  184.8, 164.5, 161.2, 147.8, 138.3, 132.0, 130.0, 129.9, 125.7, 123.7, 123.4, 121.0, 117.3, 117.0, 115.3, 110.4, 11.4; IR (neat) 3068, 2929, 2827, 1642, 1511, 1503, 1480, 1461, 1426, 1225, 1218; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}$ : 253.0903, found 254.0981 (M+H).

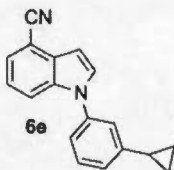
**1-(4-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-3-acetonitrile (6d)**



Method C was followed on a 0.32 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indole-3-ylacetonitrile and **3b**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6d** as a red oil (69 mg, 88%):  $R_f$  0.37 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.08 (m, 7H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.9, 136.7, 136.5, 130.3, 127.2, 126.7, 124.4, 123.2, 120.7, 118.5, 118.1, 111.1, 105.4, 21.1, 14.4; IR (neat) 3040, 2917, 2856, 2251, 1646, 1611, 1518, 1514, 1461, 1454; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ : 246.1157, found 247.1223 (M+H).

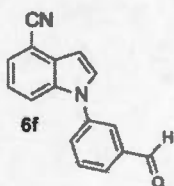
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**1-(3-Cyclopropylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-4-carbonitrile (6e)**



Method C was followed on a 0.27 mmol scale starting from 4-cyanoindole and **31**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6e** as a yellow oil (61 mg, 88%):  $R_f$  0.53 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.93-1.84 (m, 1H), 0.99-0.93 (m, 2H), 0.70-0.64 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.6, 138.8, 135.9, 130.8, 130.5, 129.8, 125.7, 124.9, 122.2, 122.0, 121.8, 118.7, 115.5, 103.6, 102.2, 15.6, 9.8; IR (neat) 3077, 3007, 2917, 2831, 2227, 1587, 1511, 1503, 1494, 1462, 1444, 1428, 1330; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ : 258.1157, found 259.1225 (M+H).

**1-(3-Formylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-4-carbonitrile (6f)**

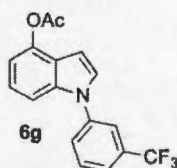


Method A was followed on a 0.35 mmol scale starting from 4-cyanoindole and **3m**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6f** as a white solid (53 mg, 62%): m.p. 124-127°C;  $R_f$  0.18 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.02 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dt,  $J$  = 4.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.84 (dd,  $J$  = 3.3, 0.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.1,

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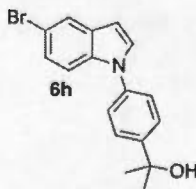
139.8, 138.1, 135.6, 130.9, 130.8, 130.4, 130.2, 129.1, 126.2, 124.6, 122.6, 118.4, 115.1, 104.0, 103.3; IR (neat) 3129, 3105, 2921, 2831, 2733, 2218, 1702, 1692, 1586, 1514, 1492, 1484, 1461, 1432, 1328, 1301, 1184, 1144; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{10}N_2O$ : 246.0793, found 247.0860 (M+H).

**1-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1*H*-indol-4-ol-4-acetate (6g)**



Method C was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indol-4-yl acetate and **3n**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6g** as a black solid (40 mg, 43%): m.p. 74-76°C;  $R_f$  0.33 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.62-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  169.4, 144.0, 140.2, 137.6, 132.7, 132.3, 130.5, 128.0, 127.7, 123.6, 123.3, 122.9, 121.4, 113.2, 108.4, 101.4, 21.2; IR (neat) 2913, 1765, 1618, 1593, 1493, 1462, 1335, 1323, 1197, 1125; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{12}F_3NO_2$ : 319.0820, found 320.0891 (M+H).

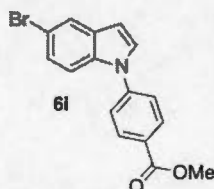
**4-(5-Bromo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)- $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzenemethanol (6h)**



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Method C was followed on a 0.063 mmol scale starting from 5-bromoindole and **3r**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (25% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6h** as a pink wax (11 mg, 53%):  $R_f$  0.27 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s (br), 1H), 1.58 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.0, 138.0, 134.8, 131.1, 129.2, 126.0, 125.3, 124.2, 123.7, 113.6, 112.1, 103.1, 72.5, 32.0; IR (neat) 3379, 2974, 2921, 2844, 1610, 1519, 1514, 1461, 1453; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}$ : 329.0415, found 312.0373 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ )- $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  ( $^{79}\text{Br}$ ), 314.0352 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ )- $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  ( $^{81}\text{Br}$ ).

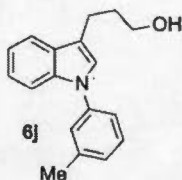
**4-(5-Bromo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)benzoic acid methyl ester (**6i**)**



Method C was followed on a 0.24 mmol scale starting from 5-bromoindole and **3p**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6i** as a pink solid (53 mg, 67%): m.p. 94-98°C;  $R_f$  0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.3, 143.3, 134.3, 131.5, 131.4, 128.7, 128.2, 125.8, 124.0, 123.4, 114.2, 112.1, 104.4, 52.4; IR (neat) 2946, 2840, 1720, 1712, 1666, 1605, 1514, 1450, 1434, 1276; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNO}_2$ : 329.0051, found 330.0117 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) ( $^{79}\text{Br}$ ), 332.0100 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) ( $^{81}\text{Br}$ ).

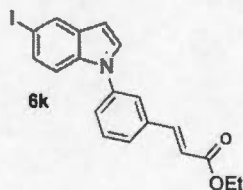
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**1-(3-Methylphenyl)-1*H*-Indole-3-propanol (6j)**



Method C was followed on a 0.29 mmol scale starting from 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-1*H*-indole and **3c**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6j** as a yellow oil (40 mg, 52%):  $R_f$  0.21 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.15 (m, 5H), 3.79 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.06 (qt,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.49 (s(br), 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.9, 139.7, 136.1, 129.4, 128.9, 126.9, 125.3, 124.8, 122.4, 121.2, 119.8, 119.3, 116.9, 110.7, 62.7, 32.9, 21.5, 21.3; IR (neat) 3339 (br), 3047, 2922, 2863, 1605, 1588, 1493, 1477, 1458; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ : 265.1467, found 266.1544 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), 248.1408 [ $(\text{M}+\text{H})-\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ].

**(*E*)-3-(5-Iodo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)phenyl-2-propenoic acid ethyl ester (6k)**

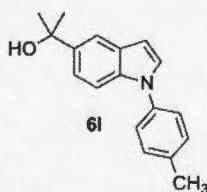


Method C was followed on a 0.14 mmol scale starting from 5-iodoindole and **3t**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6k** as a pink oil (38 mg, 65%):  $R_f$  0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.56

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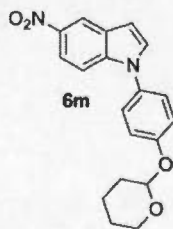
(d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.6, 143.3, 139.9, 136.3, 134.9, 131.9, 130.9, 130.4, 130.1, 128.5, 126.4, 125.8, 123.5, 119.9, 112.3, 103.3, 84.1, 60.8, 14.4; IR (neat) 3056, 2978, 1705, 1638, 1582, 1512, 1487, 1456, 1176; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{INO}_2$ : 417.0226, found 418.0296 (M+H).

**$\alpha,\alpha$ -Dimethyl-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-5-methanol (6l)**



Method A was followed on a 0.28 mmol scale starting from  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethyl-1*H*-indole-5-methanol and **3b**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6l** as a yellow oil (44 mg, 59%);  $R_f$  0.38 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 6H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.3, 137.4, 136.3, 134.9, 130.2, 129.0, 128.5, 124.2, 119.6, 116.5, 110.3, 103.5, 72.9, 32.2, 21.1; IR (neat) 3405, 2971, 2923, 1517, 1474, 1334; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ : 265.1467, found 248.1431 [(M+H)- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ].

**1-[4-(Tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)oxy]phenyl-5-nitro-1*H*-indole (6m)**

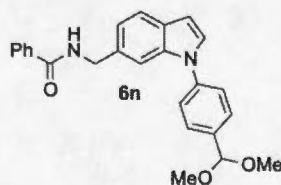




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Method A was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from 5-nitroindole and **3q**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6m** as a yellow solid (77 mg, 74%); m.p. 99-104°C;  $R_f$  0.36 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd,  $J$  = 9.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (t,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dt,  $J$  = 9.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.64 (m, 1H), 2.12-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.62 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.6, 142.0, 139.1, 132.2, 131.6, 128.2, 126.1, 118.3, 117.8, 117.6, 110.5, 105.2, 96.6, 62.2, 30.3, 25.2, 18.7; IR (neat) IR 2917, 2852, 1610, 1514, 1468, 1453, 1344, 1329, 1202, 1123, 1069, 966, 920; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 338.1267, found 339.1333 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

***N*-[4-(dimethoxymethyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]methyl benzamide (**6n**)**

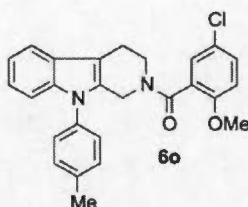


Method C was followed on a 0.20 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indol-6-yl]methyl benzamide and **3o**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6n** as a pink oil (65 mg, 81%);  $R_f$  0.10 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s(br), 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.72 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.2, 139.6, 136.7, 135.9, 134.6, 132.4, 131.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.0, 124.1, 121.6, 120.9, 110.3, 103.7, 102.7, 52.9, 45.0, IR (neat) 3317, 2933, 2829, 1639, 1518, 1450, 1340, 1098; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 400.1787, found 423.1695 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).



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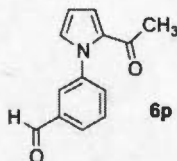
**1-(5-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-2-yl)methanone (6o)**



Method C was followed on a 0.15 mmol scale starting from (5-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-(1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indol-2-yl)methanone and **3b**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6o** as a yellow oil (28 mg, 43%):  $R_f$  0.16 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.2, 154.2, 137.8, 134.5, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 126.1, 122.0, 120.0, 117.9, 112.4, 110.3, 108.6, 56.0, 45.2, 40.4, 22.1, 21.2; IR (neat) 2925, 2840, 1709, 1659, 1650, 1641, 1632, 1605, 1514, 1493, 1484, 1461, 1440, 1432, 1221; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ : 430.1448, found 431.1515 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

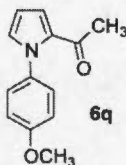
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**2-Acetyl-N-(3-benzaldehyde)-pyrrole (6p)**



Method B was followed on a 0.46 mmol scale starting from 2-acetyl-1*H*-pyrrole and **3m**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6p** as a beige solid (93 mg, 95%); m.p. 85-87°C;  $R_f$  0.16 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.93 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.25 (t,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.4, 187.4, 141.8, 137.0, 132.3, 131.6, 131.2, 129.4, 129.1, 126.8, 121.1, 109.9, 27.2; IR (neat) 3117, 3060, 2921, 2827, 2729, 1702, 1692, 1665, 1659, 1650, 1643, 1590, 1461, 1453, 1408; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$ : 213.0790, found 214.0859 (M+H).

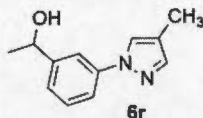
**2-Acetyl-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrole (6q)**



Method A was followed on a 0.46 mmol scale starting from 2-acetyl-1*H*-pyrrole and **3e**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6q** as a colorless oil (78 mg, 79%); m.p. 79-82°C. Spectral data was identical to literature<sup>10</sup>:  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.08 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 3H), 6.17 (t,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ : 215.0946, found 216.1017 (M+H).

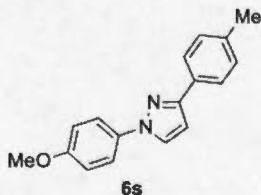
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**1-[3-(1-Hydroxyethyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole (6r)**



Method C was followed on a 0.50 mmol scale starting from 4-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole and **3s**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6r** as a colorless oil (70 mg, 69%):  $R_f$  0.12 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 4.88 (q,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s(br), 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  147.7, 141.8, 140.2, 129.4, 125.6, 123.1, 118.2, 117.6, 115.9, 69.9, 25.3, 8.9; IR (neat) 3354, 2971, 2927, 1610, 1593, 1492, 1455, 1390; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 202.1106, found  $[(\text{M}+\text{H})-\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  185.1059, 203.1175 (M+H).

**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole (6s)**

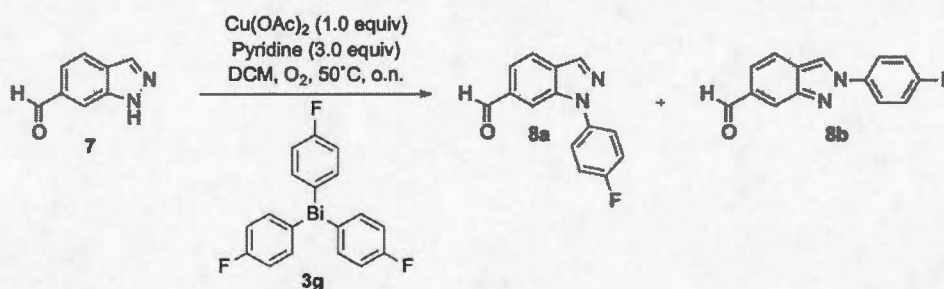


Method C was followed on a 0.32 mmol scale starting from 3-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-pyrazole and **3e**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **6s** as a white solid (59 mg, 70%): m.p. 140-143°C;  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.2, 152.7, 137.7, 134.2, 130.6, 129.4, 128.0, 125.8, 120.8, 114.6, 104.5, 55.7, 21.4; IR (neat) 3138, 2999,

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2909, 2835, 1605, 1524, 1519, 1514, 1503, 1462, 1453, 1434, 1257; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{16}N_2O$ : 264.1263, found 265.1328 (M+H). The position of the transferred aryl group was determined by nOesy NMR studies.

**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indazole-6-carboxaldehyde (8a) and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2*H*-indazole-6-carboxaldehyde (8b)**



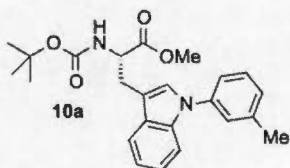
Method C was followed on a 0.34 mmol scale starting from 1*H*-indazole-6-carboxaldehyde **7** and **3g**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **8a** as a yellow solid (41 mg, 50%) and **8b** as an orange solid (6.8 mg, 8%).

**Compound 8a**: m.p. 143–145°C;  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  10.07 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  192.8, 164.0, 160.7, 139.4, 136.4, 136.2, 136.1, 129.4, 125.7, 125.6, 122.9, 122.1, 117.6, 117.3, 114.2; IR (neat) 2969, 2815, 2725, 1703, 1698, 1692, 1681, 1605, 1519, 1514, 1503, 1493, 1461, 1450, 1434, 1279; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_9FN_2O$ : 240.0699, found 241.0766 (M+H).

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**Compound 8b:** m.p. 179-183°C;  $R_f$  0.42 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.10 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.4, 149.1, 135.9, 126.3, 125.7, 123.2, 123.1, 121.6, 121.3, 119.5, 117.0, 116.7, 29.8; IR (neat) 3121, 2917, 2844, 1687, 1678, 1673, 1666, 1605, 1519, 1514, 1503, 1494, 1468, 1462, 1450, 1432; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ : 240.0699, found 241.0767 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ). The structure of compound 9 was confirmed by X-ray crystallography; see section 5: Crystallographic data for compound 9.

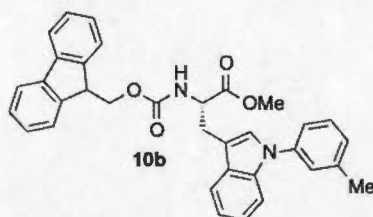
**1-(3-Methylphenyl)- *N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl-L-tryptophan methyl ester (10a)**



Method C was followed on a 0.16 mmol scale starting from *N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl-L-tryptophan methyl ester and 3c. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **10a** as a yellow oil (57 mg, 87%);  $R_f$  0.33 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.05 (m, 4H), 5.05 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.62-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.32-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.8, 155.3, 139.7, 139.5, 136.1, 129.4, 129.1, 127.2, 126.6, 124.9, 122.6, 121.3, 120.2, 119.1, 111.2, 110.7, 79.9, 54.1, 52.4, 28.4, 27.9, 21.5; IR (neat) 3433, 3377, 3050, 2976, 2928, 1743, 1709, 1606, 1590, 1494, 1493, 1459, 1365, 1159; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 408.2049, found 353.1502 ( $\text{M}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 431.1941 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

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**1-(3-Methylphenyl)-Fmoc-D-tryptophan-methyl ester (10b)**



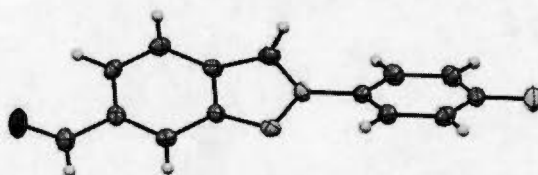
Method C was followed on a 0.11 mmol scale starting from *N*-[(9*H*-fluoren-9-ylmethoxy)carbonyl]-*L*-tryptophan methyl ester and **3c**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **10b** as a yellow oil (47 mg, 80%): *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.29 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76-7.66 (m, 5H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 3H), 5.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.96-4.90 (m, 1H), 4.58-4.49 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.33 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.4, 155.8, 143.9, 143.8, 141.3, 139.7, 139.5, 136.1, 129.5, 127.7, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 125.2, 125.0, 122.7, 121.4, 120.3, 120.0, 119.0, 110.8, 67.1, 54.6, 52.5, 47.2, 28.0, 21.5; IR (neat) 3418, 3356, 3049, 2950, 1717, 1606, 1589, 1494, 1459, 1207.

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### 5. Crystallographic data for compound 8b

CCDC-986210 (for 8b) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

#### Crystal Structure Report for compound 8b



A light orange needle-like specimen of  $C_{14}H_9FN_2O$ , approximate dimensions 0.047 mm  $\times$  0.058 mm  $\times$  0.268 mm, was used for the X-ray crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data were measured. A total of 5856 frames were collected. The total exposure time was 16.27 hours. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame algorithm. The integration of the data using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 15339 reflections to a maximum  $\theta$  angle of  $68.37^\circ$  ( $0.83 \text{ \AA}$  resolution), of which 1971 were independent (average redundancy 7.782, completeness = 99.8%,  $R_{int} = 5.15\%$ ) and 1661 (84.27%) were greater than  $2\sigma(F^2)$ . The final cell constants of  $a = 3.76530(10) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 17.7911(4) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 16.0214(3) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 92.874(2)^\circ$ , volume =  $1071.90(4) \text{ \AA}^3$ , are based upon the refinement of the XYZ-centroids of 9053 reflections above  $20 \sigma(I)$  with  $7.430^\circ < 2\theta < 136.7^\circ$ . Data were corrected for absorption effects using the multi-scan method (SADABS). The ratio of minimum to maximum apparent transmission was 0.930. The calculated minimum and maximum transmission coefficients (based on crystal size) are 0.7940 and 0.9590.

The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package, using the space group  $P 2_1/c$ , with  $Z = 4$  for the formula unit  $C_{14}H_9FN_2O$ . The final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on  $F^2$  with 164 variables converged at  $R_1 = 5.83\%$ , for the observed data and  $wR_2 = 16.57\%$  for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 1.193. The largest peak in the final difference electron density synthesis was  $0.358 \text{ e/\AA}^3$  and the largest hole was  $-0.276 \text{ e/\AA}^3$  with an RMS deviation of  $0.074 \text{ e/\AA}^3$ . On the basis of the final model, the calculated density was  $1.489 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and  $F(000) 496 \text{ e}^-$ .

**Table 1.** Sample and crystal data for Pauline1b.

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Chemical formula	$C_{14}H_9FN_2O$	
Formula weight	240.23	
Temperature	150(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 $\text{\AA}$	
Crystal size	0.047 $\times$ 0.058 $\times$ 0.268 mm	
Crystal habit	light orange needle	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	$P 2_1/c$	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 3.76530(10) \text{ \AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 17.7911(4) \text{ \AA}$	$\beta = 92.874(2)^\circ$



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	$c = 16.0214(3) \text{ \AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	$1071.90(4) \text{ \AA}^3$	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	$1.489 \text{ g/cm}^3$	
Absorption coefficient	$0.900 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	
$F(000)$	496	

**Table 2.** Data collection and structure refinement for Pauline1b.

Theta range for data collection	3.71 to 68.37°	
Index ranges	$-4 \leq h \leq 4, -21 \leq k \leq 21, -19 \leq l \leq 19$	
Reflections collected	15339	
Independent reflections	1971 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0515$ ]	
Coverage of independent reflections	99.8%	
Absorption correction	multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9590 and 0.7940	
Structure solution technique	direct methods	
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	
Refinement program	SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013)	
Function minimized	$\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	1971 / 0 / 164	
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.193	
Final R indices	1661 data; $I > 2\sigma(I)$	$R_1 = 0.0583, wR_2 = 0.1595$
	all data	$R_1 = 0.0682, wR_2 = 0.1657$
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0789P)^2 + 0.9563P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	
Extinction coefficient	0.0028(8)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.358 and $-0.276 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	$0.074 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$	

Atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles, torsion angles, anisotropic atomic displacement parameters are provided in the attached CIF file, which can also be retrieved from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre using deposition number 986210 at the following URL:  
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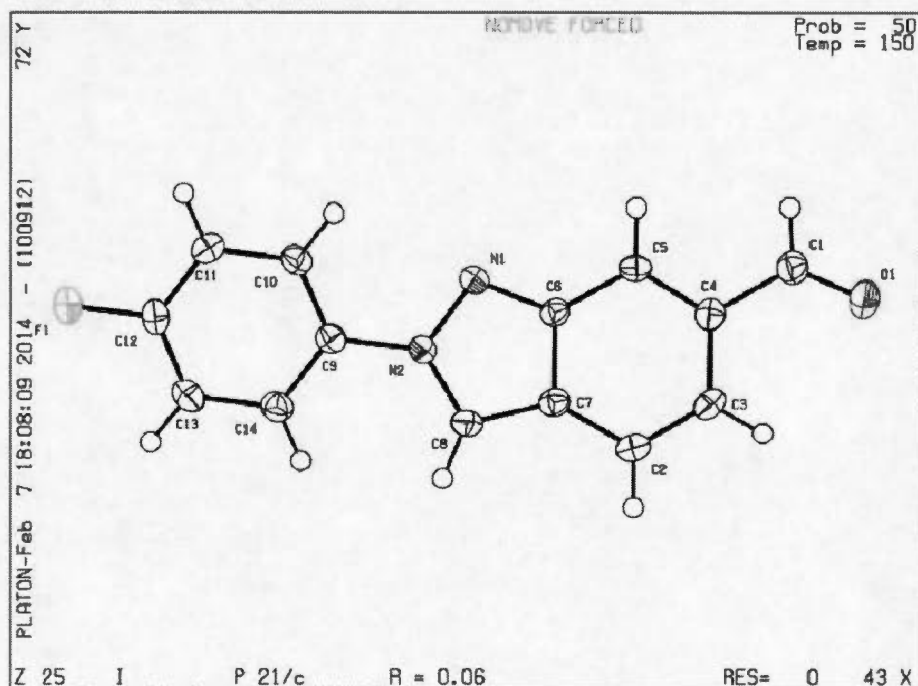
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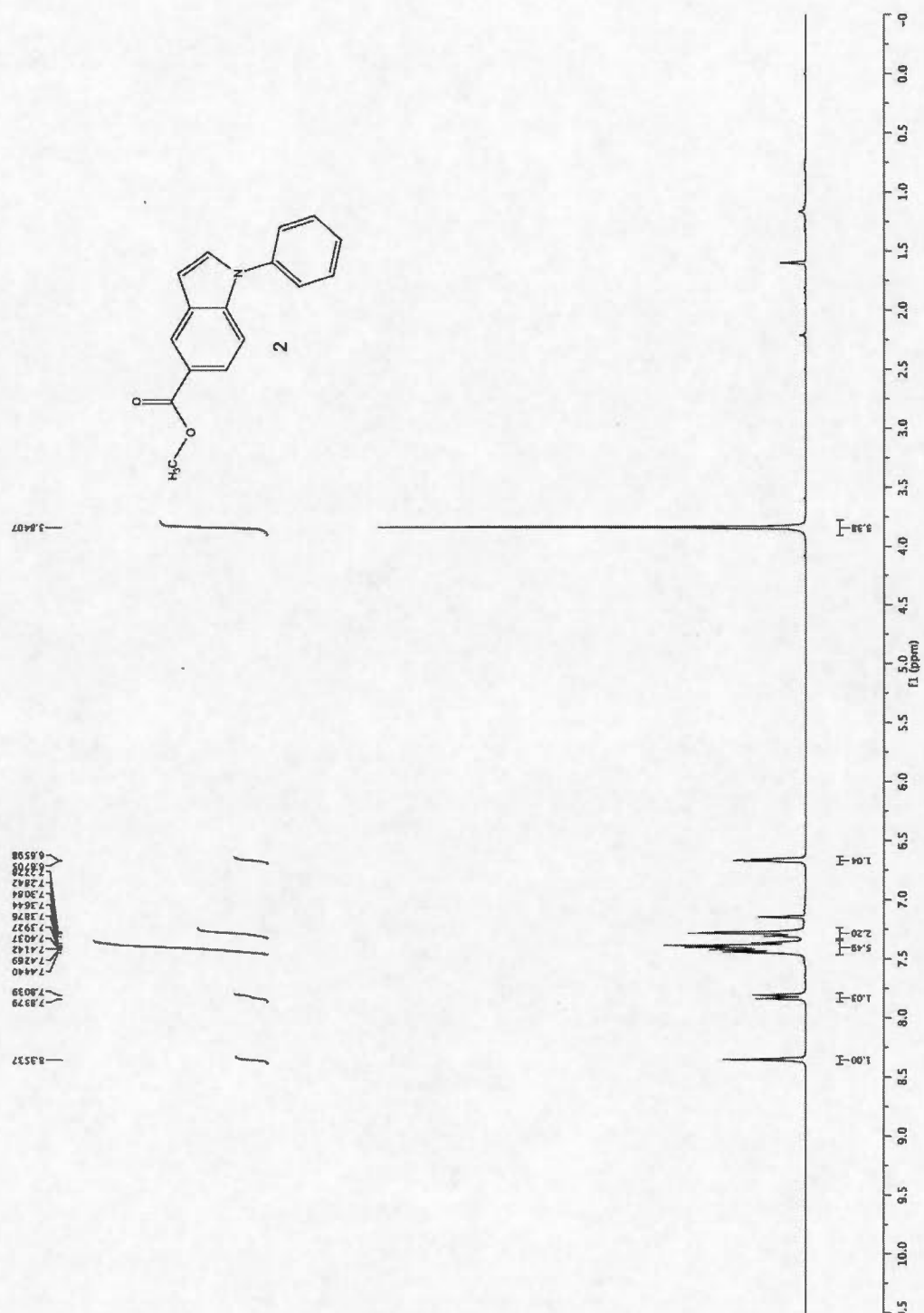
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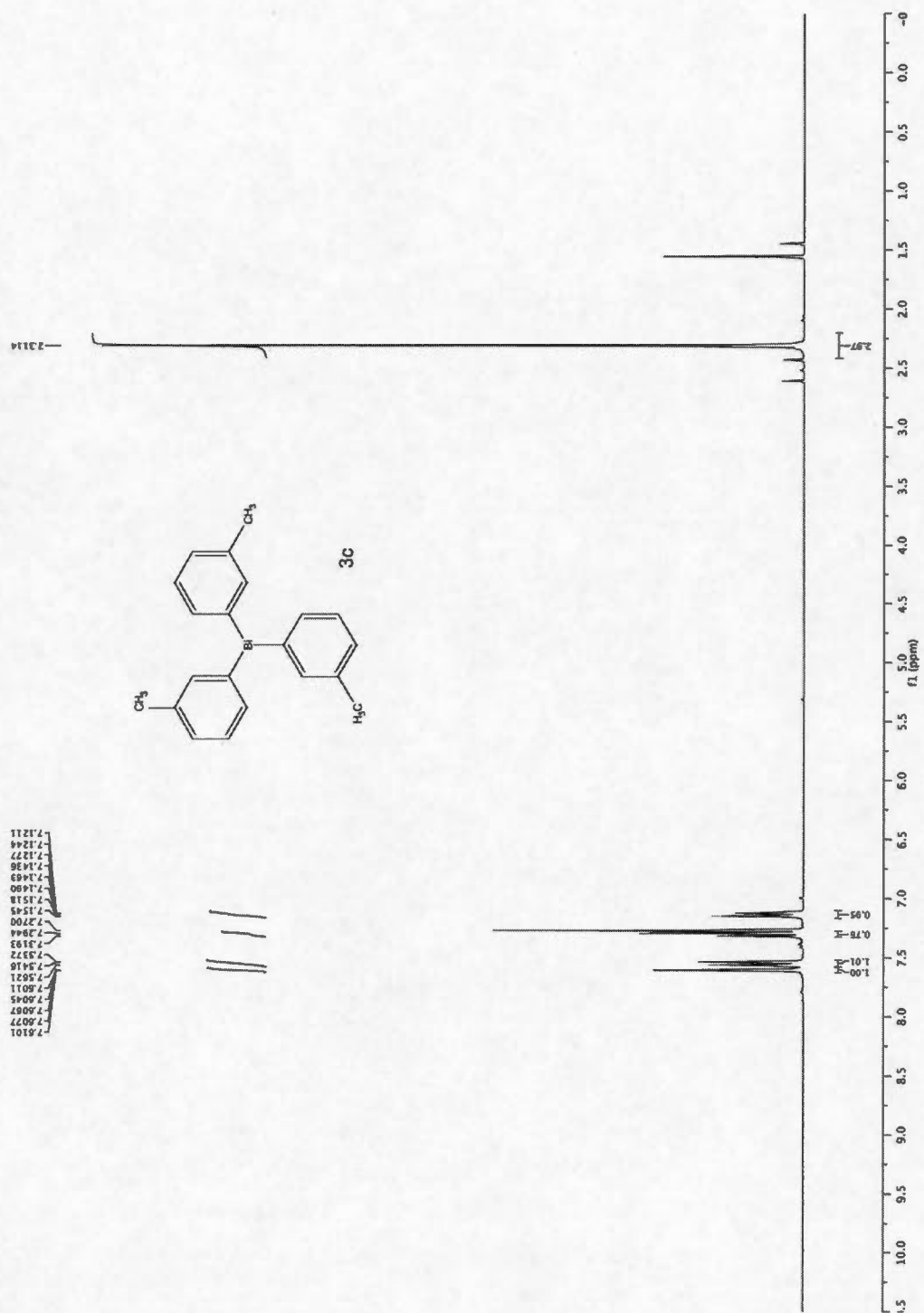
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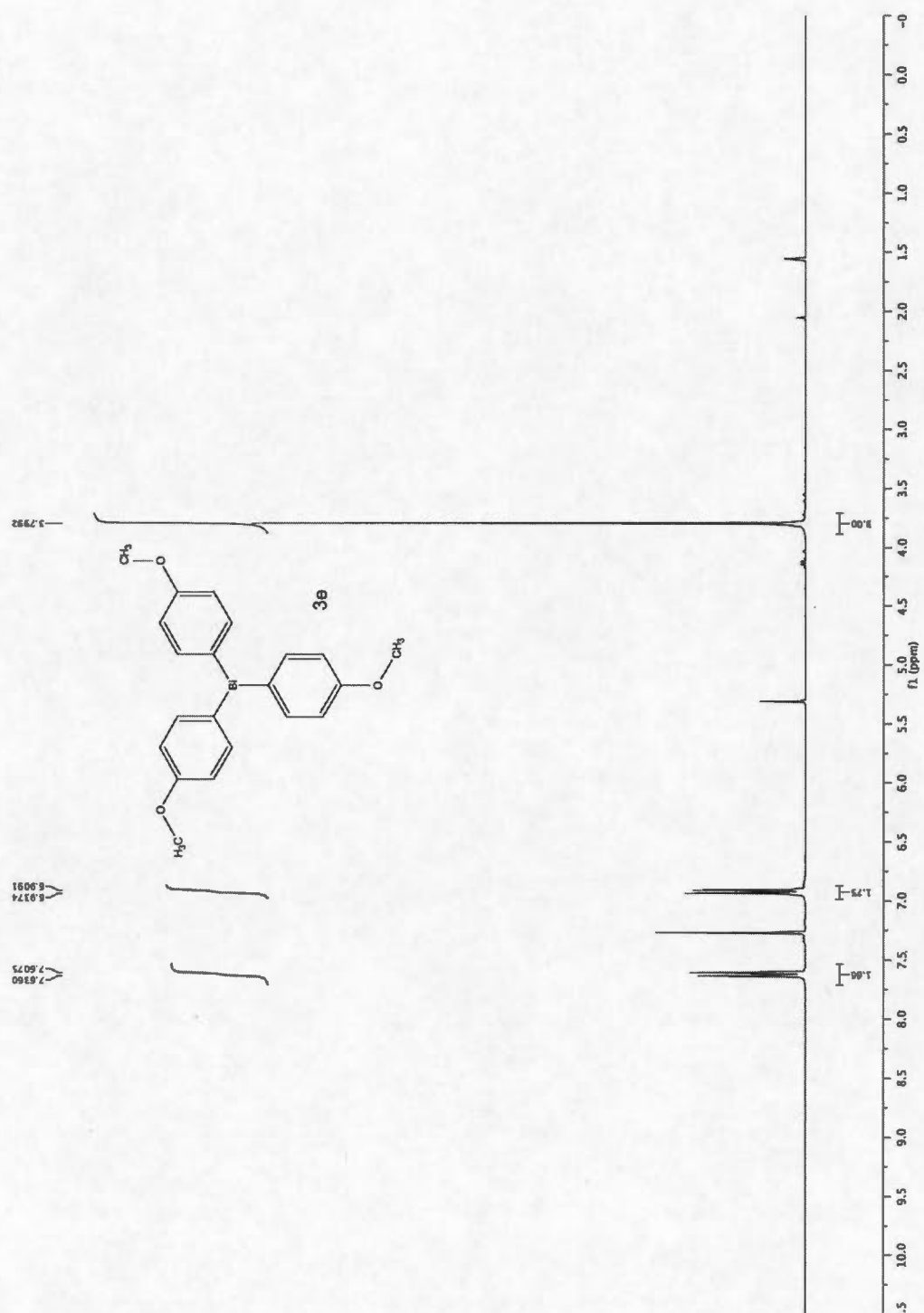
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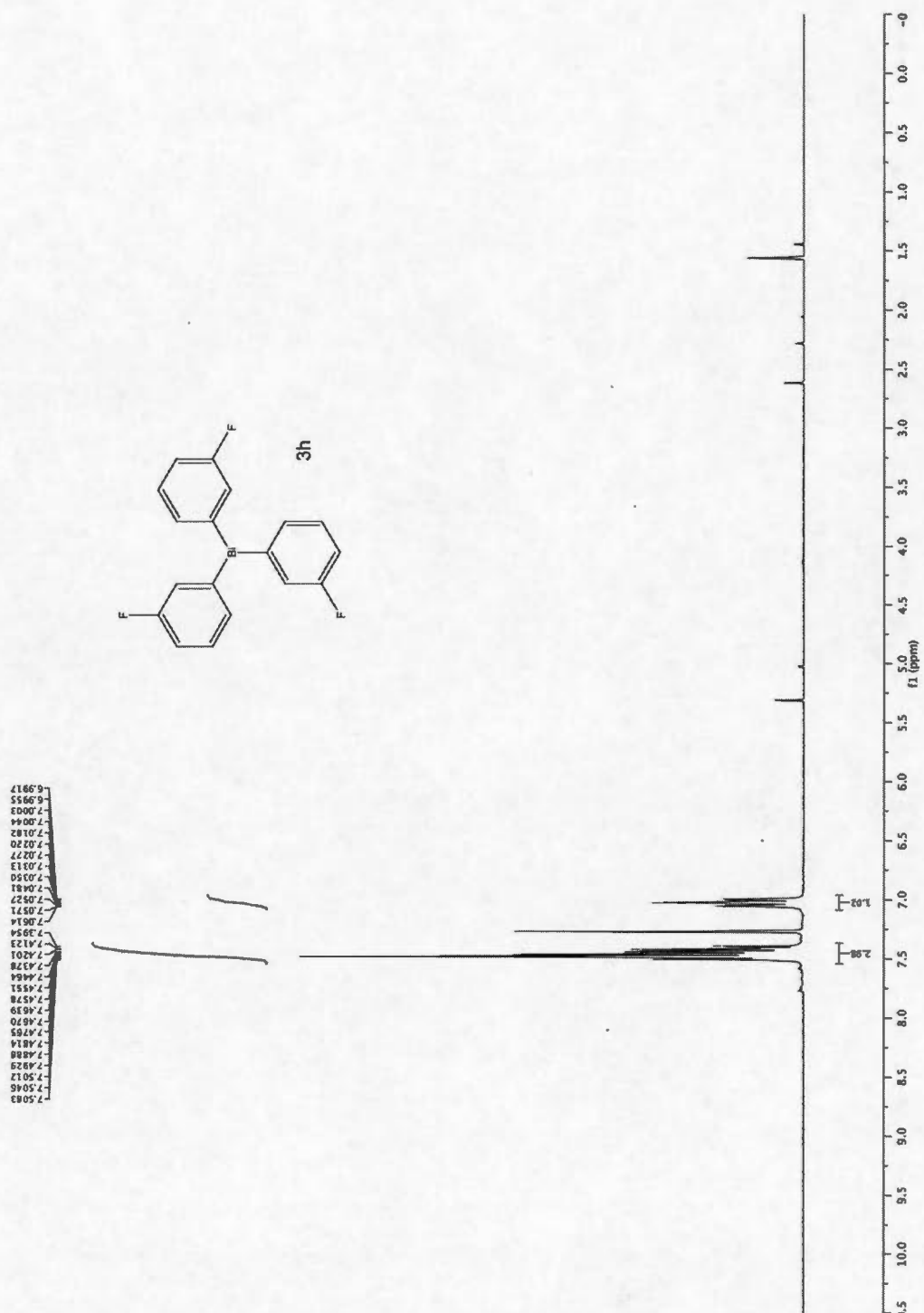
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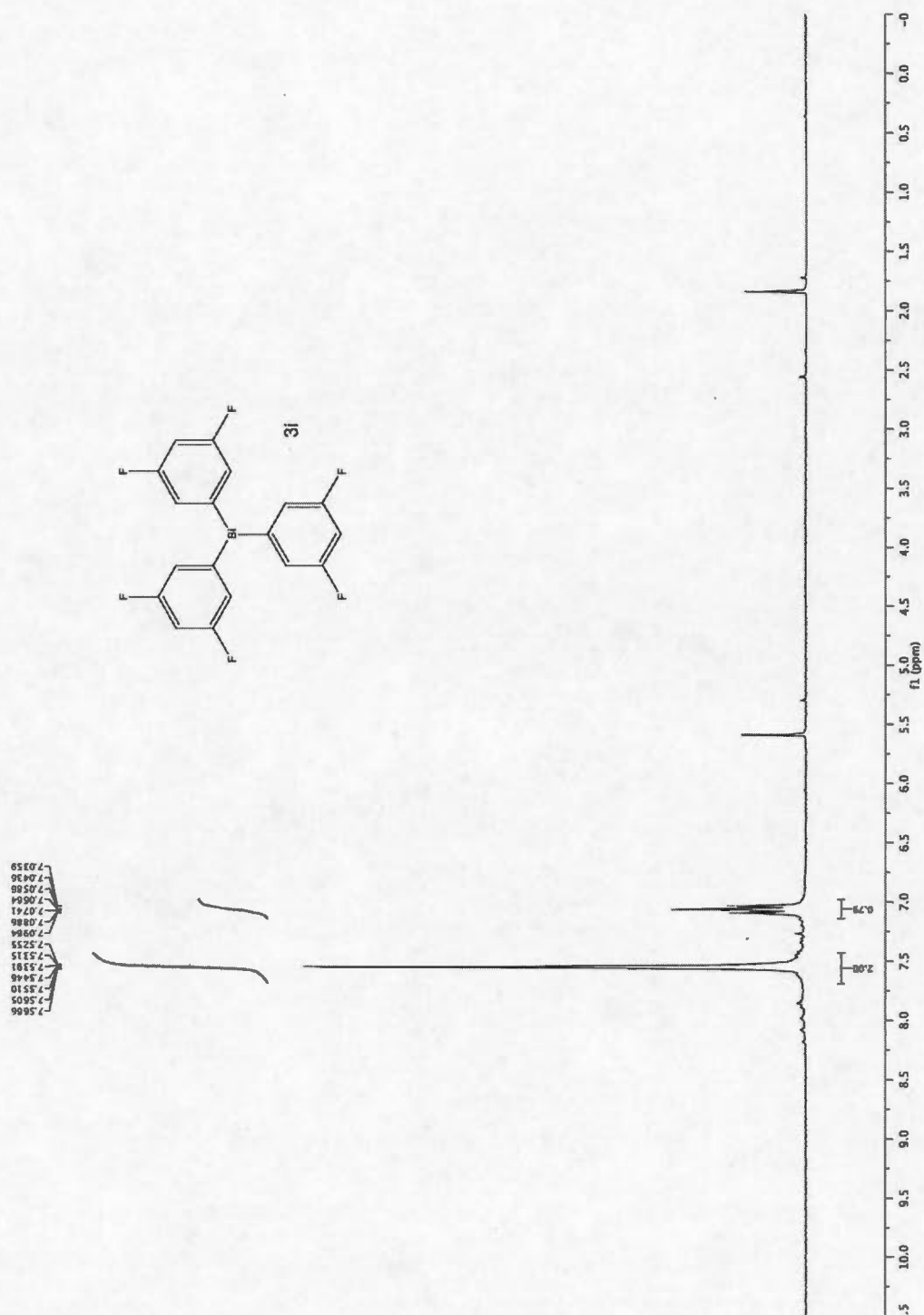


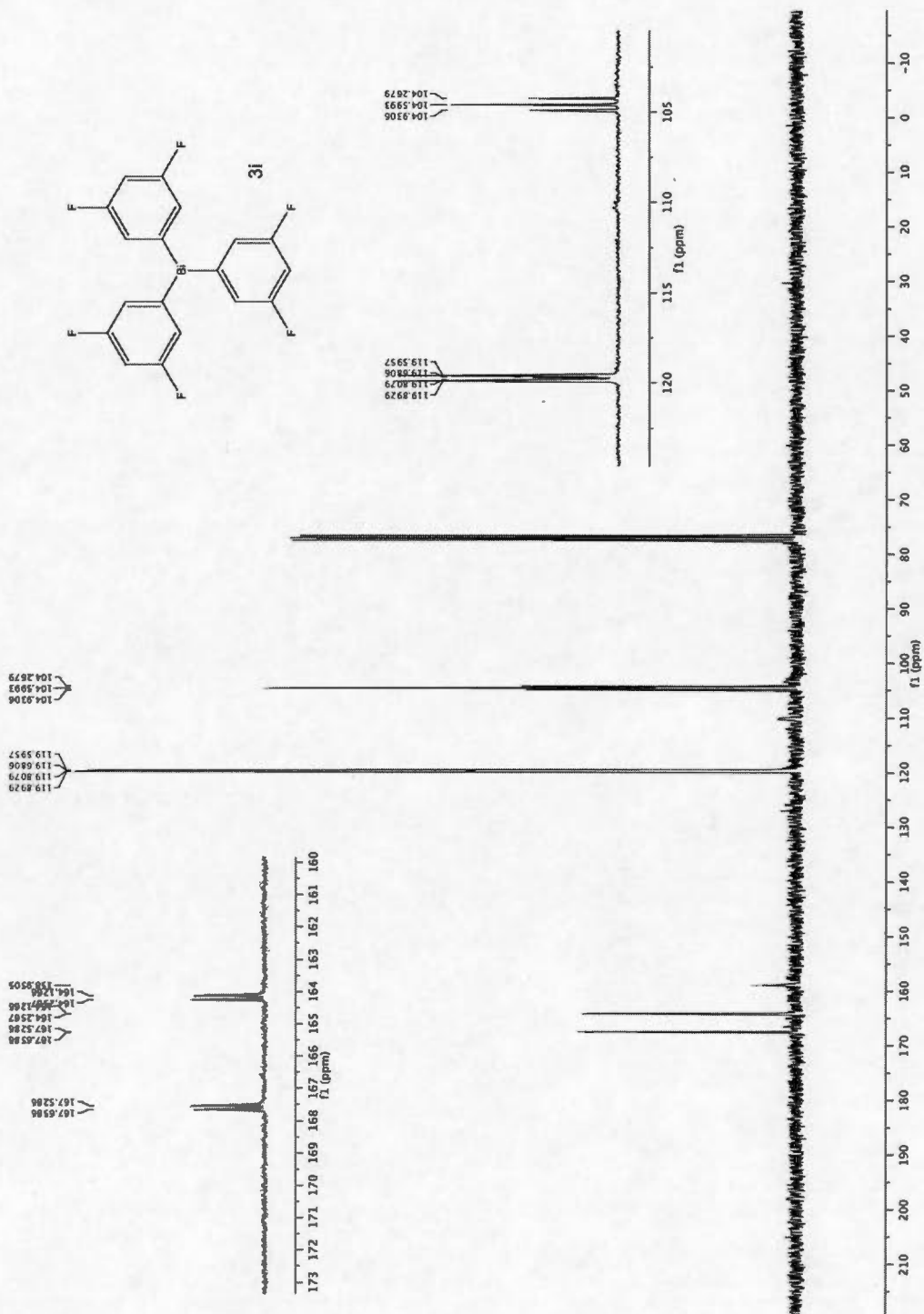


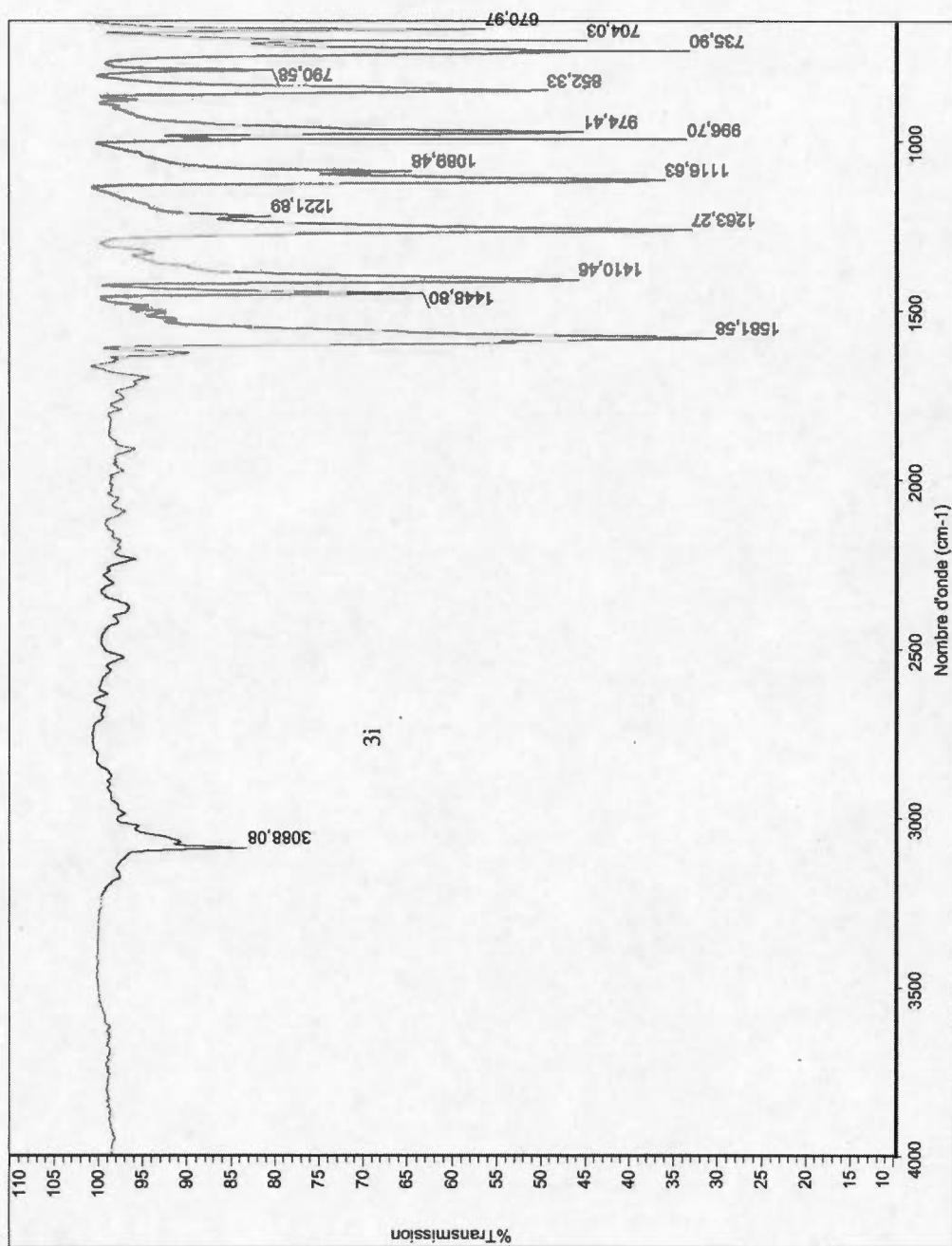


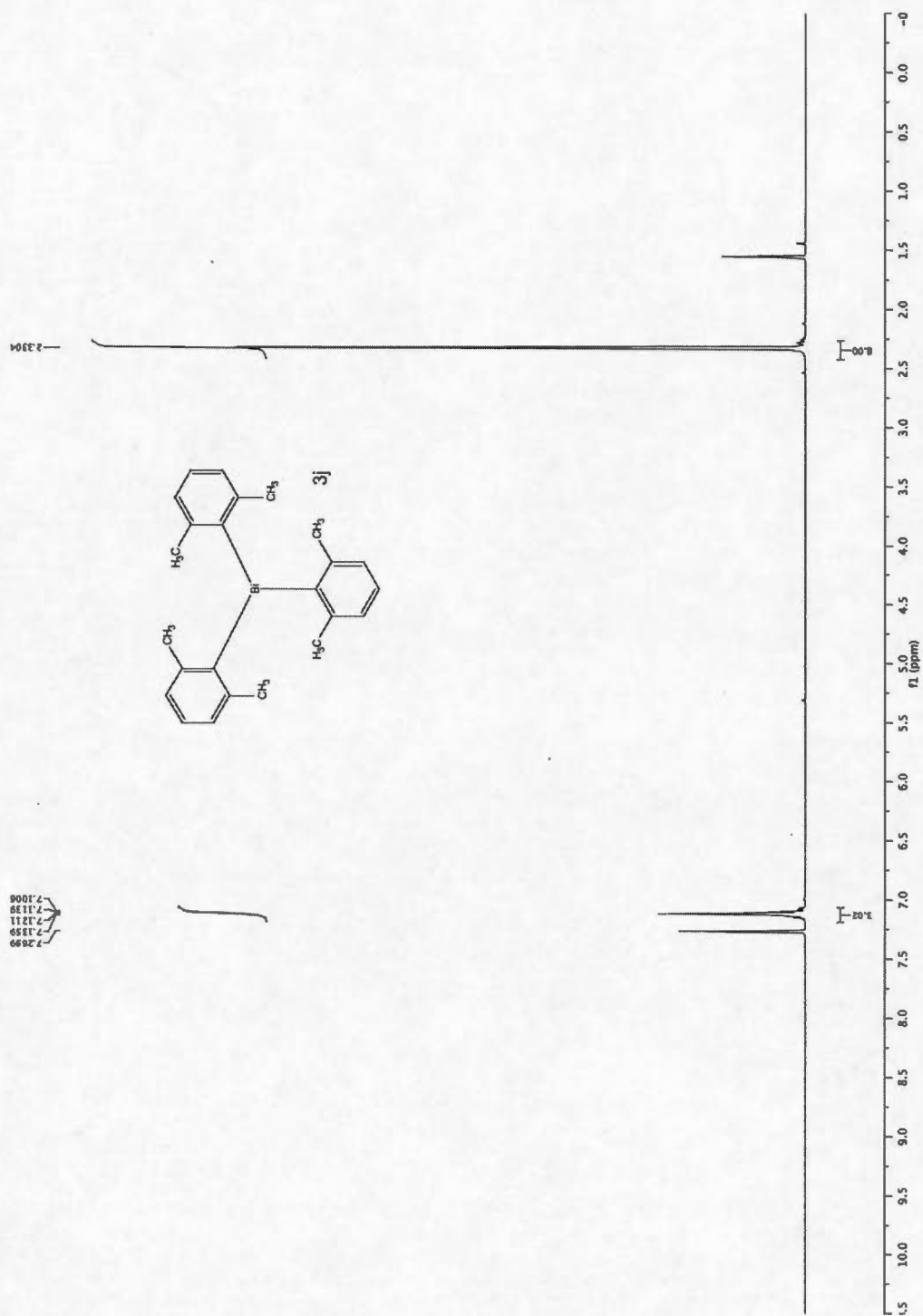


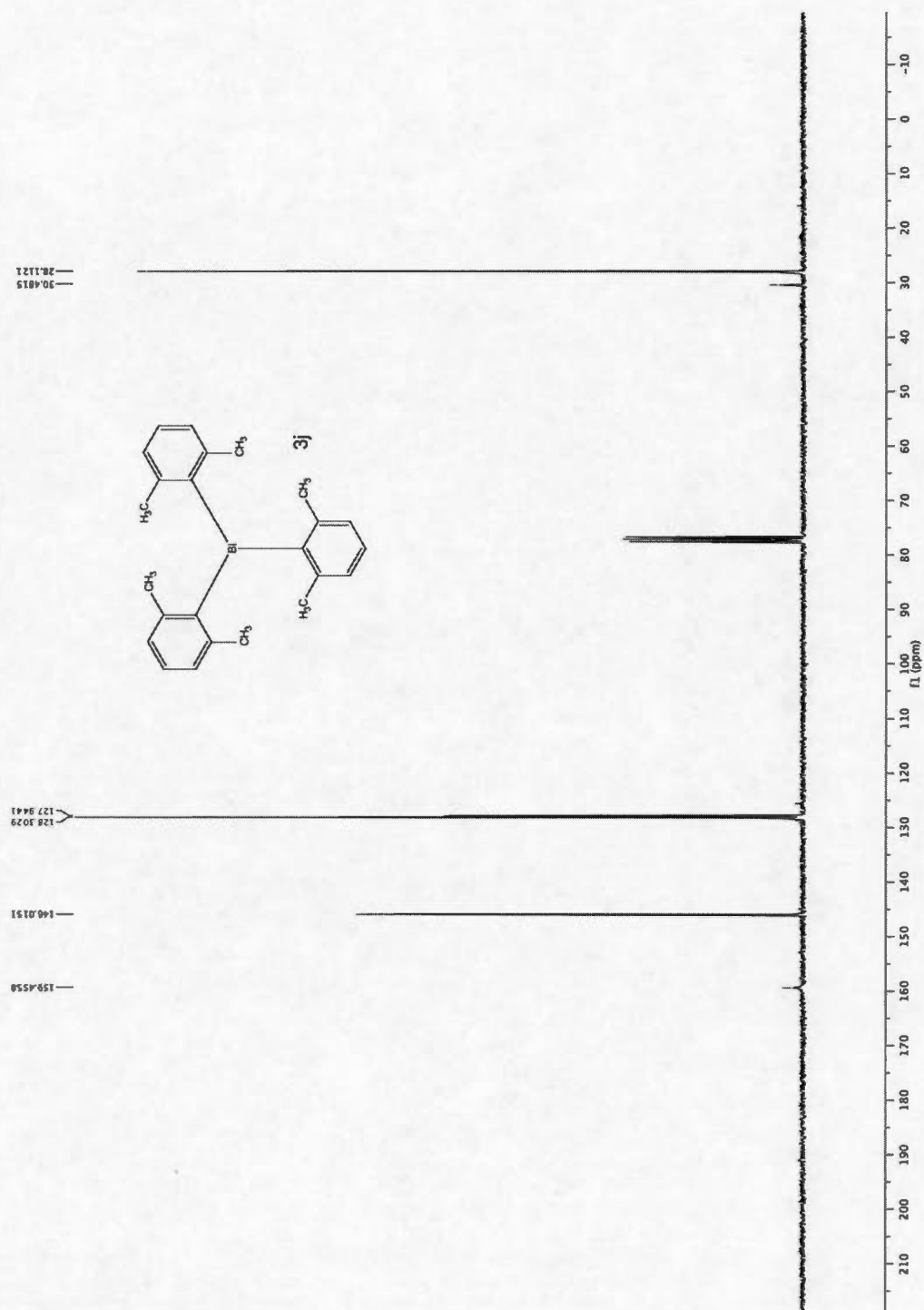




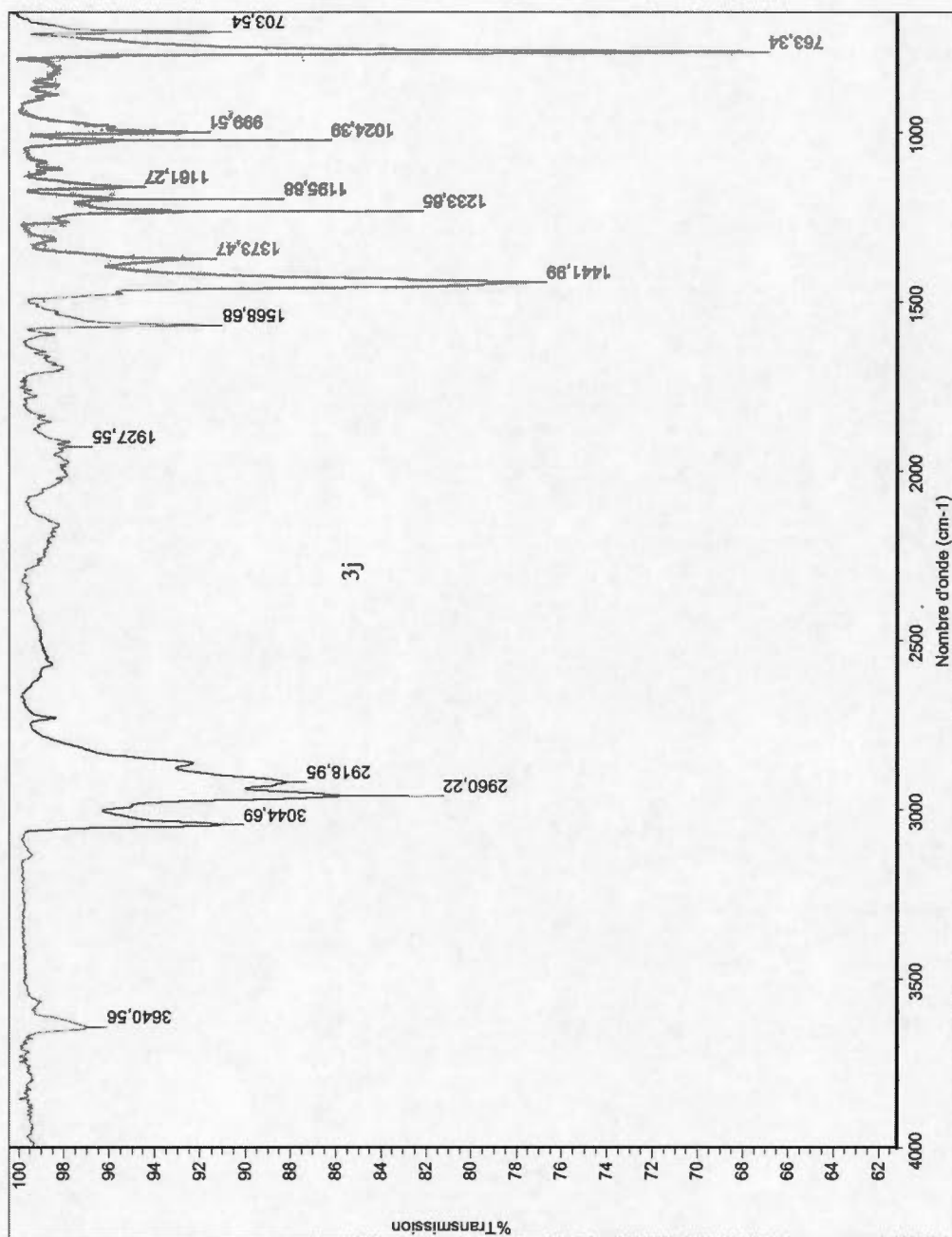


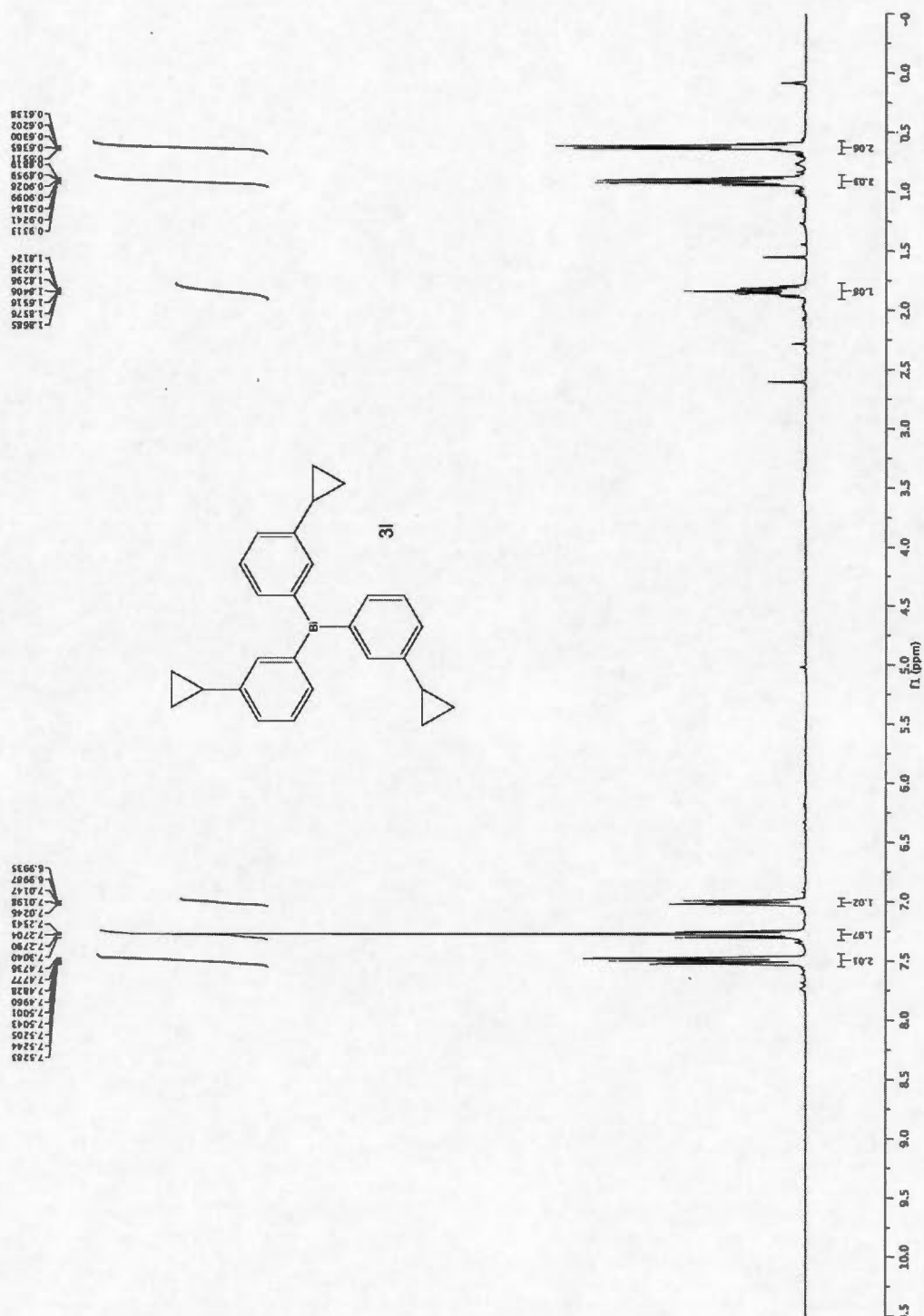


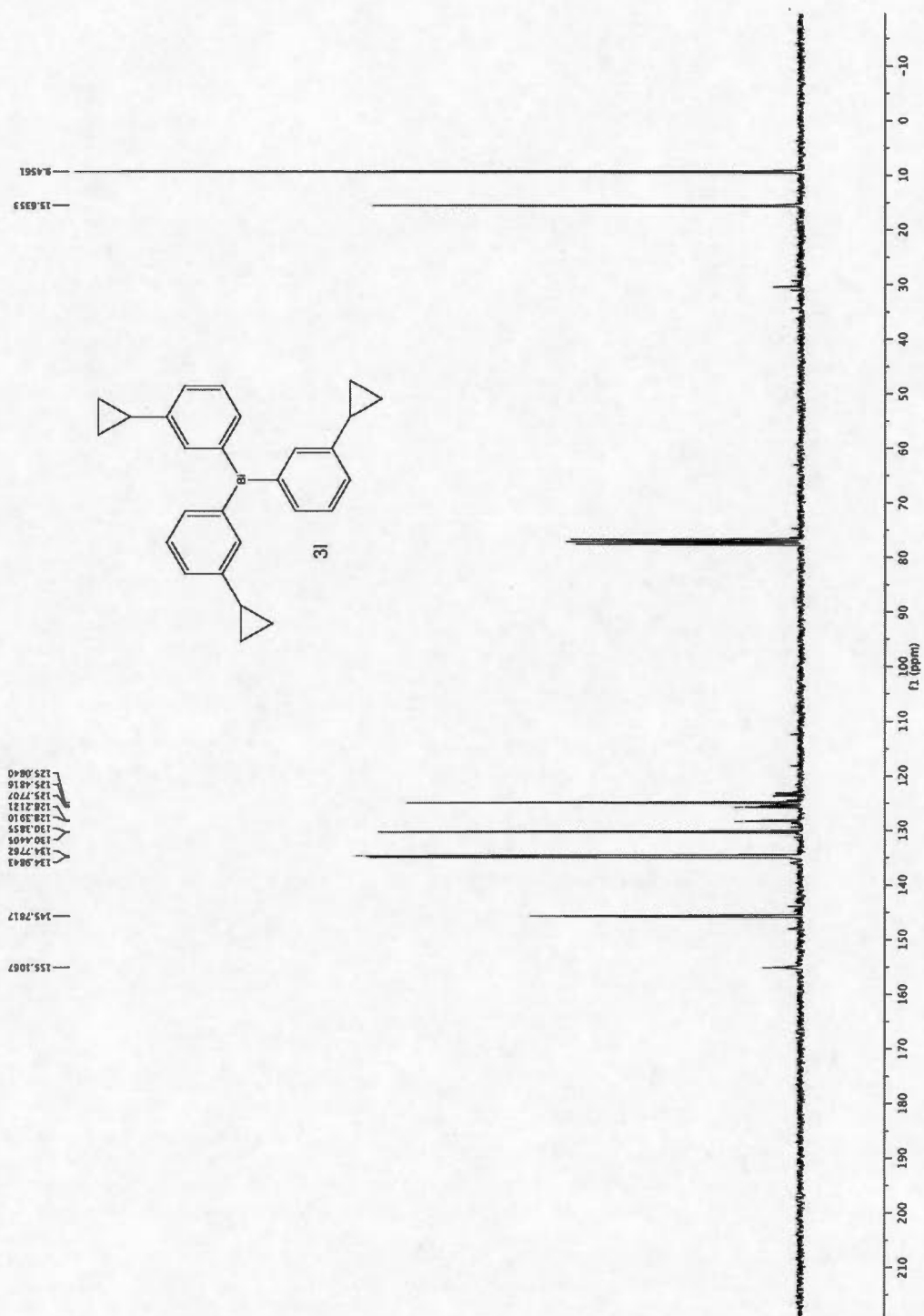


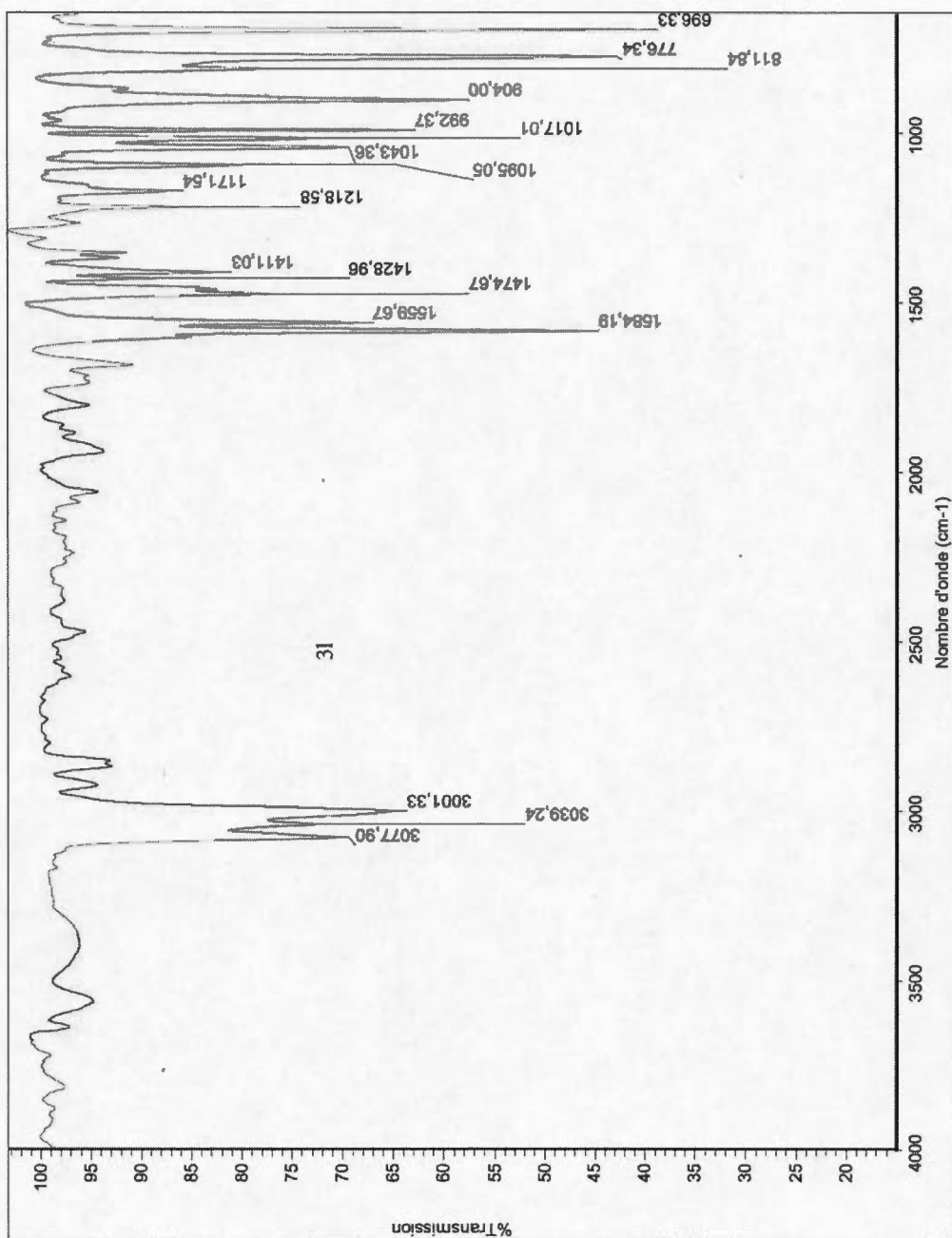


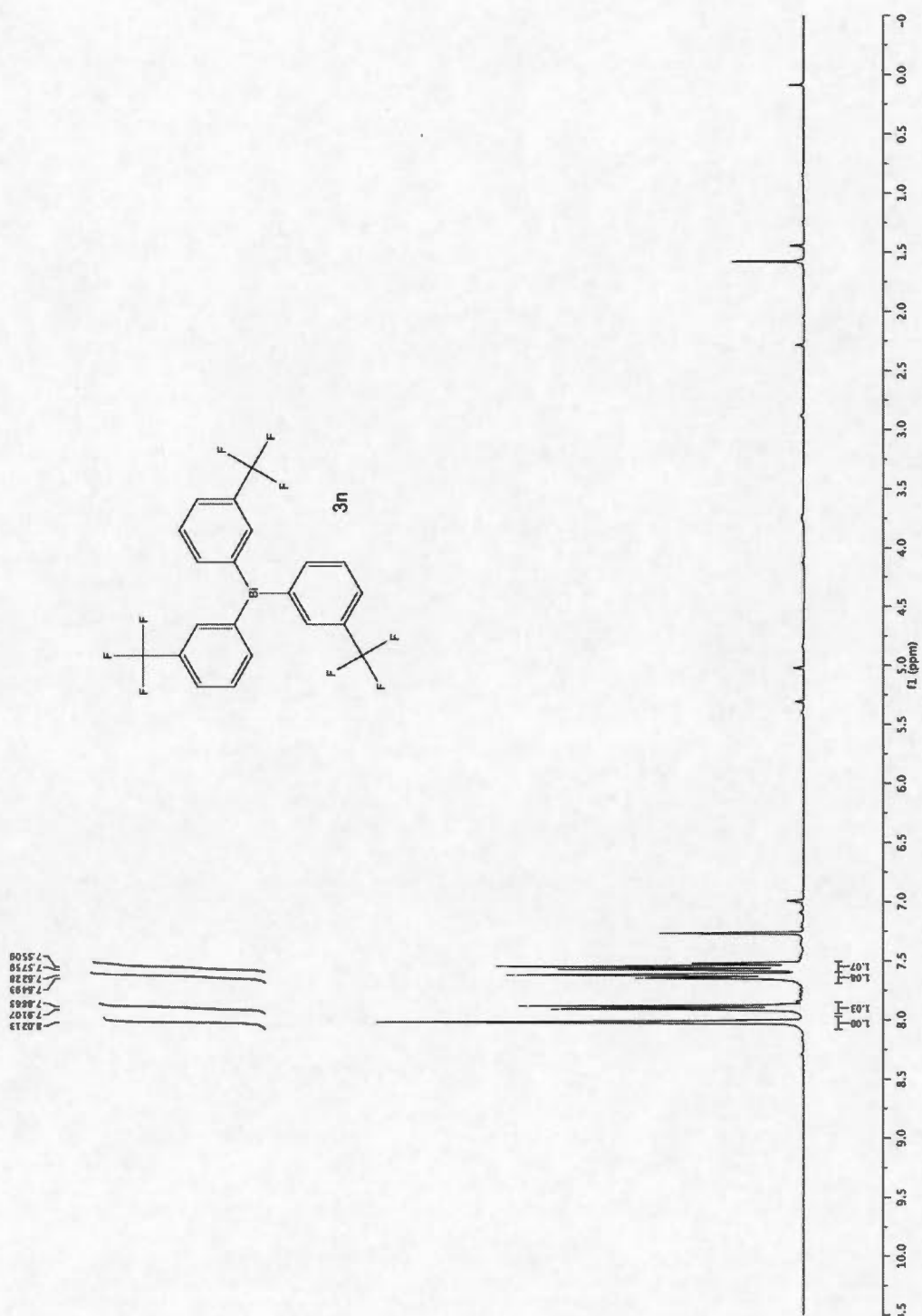


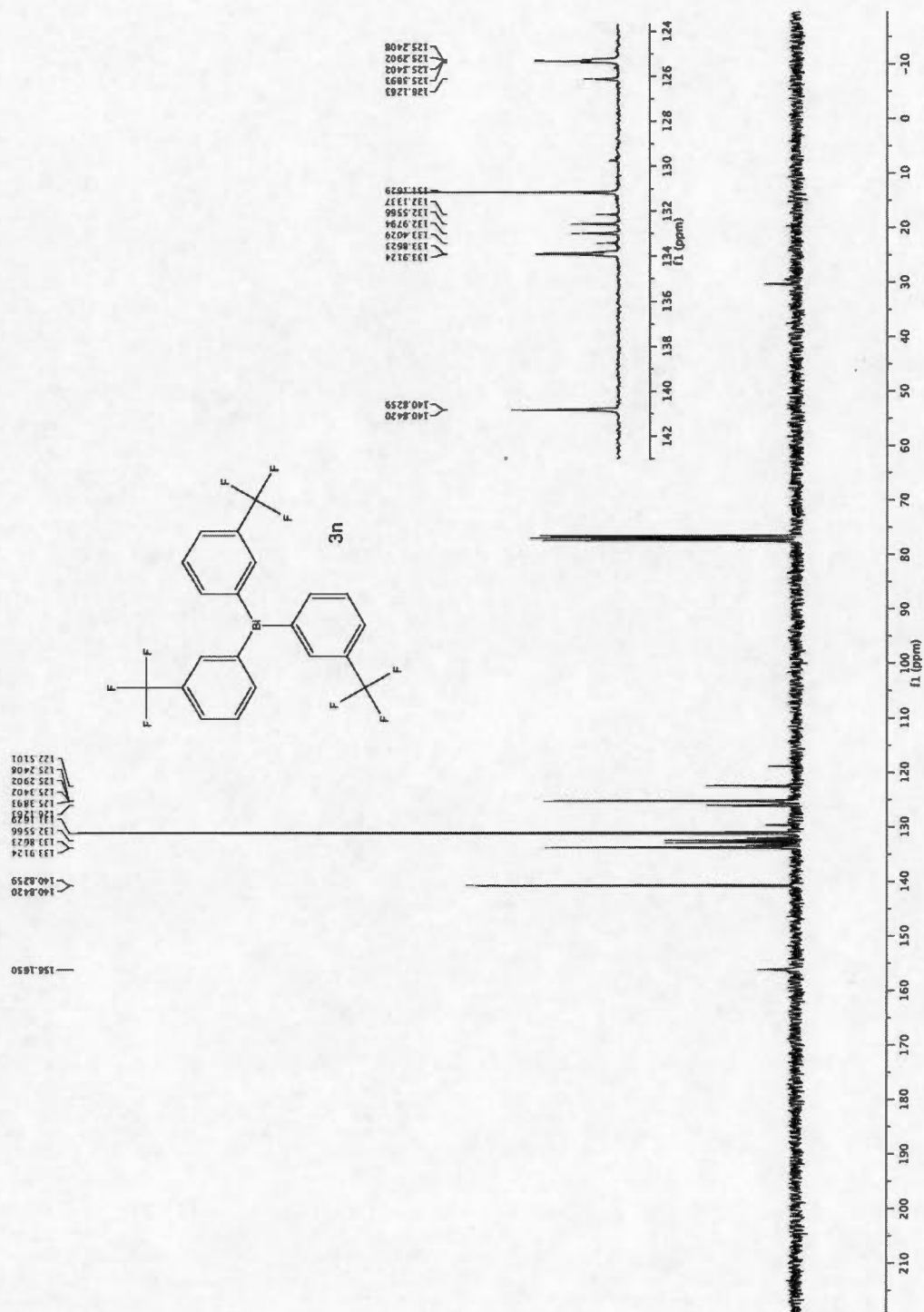


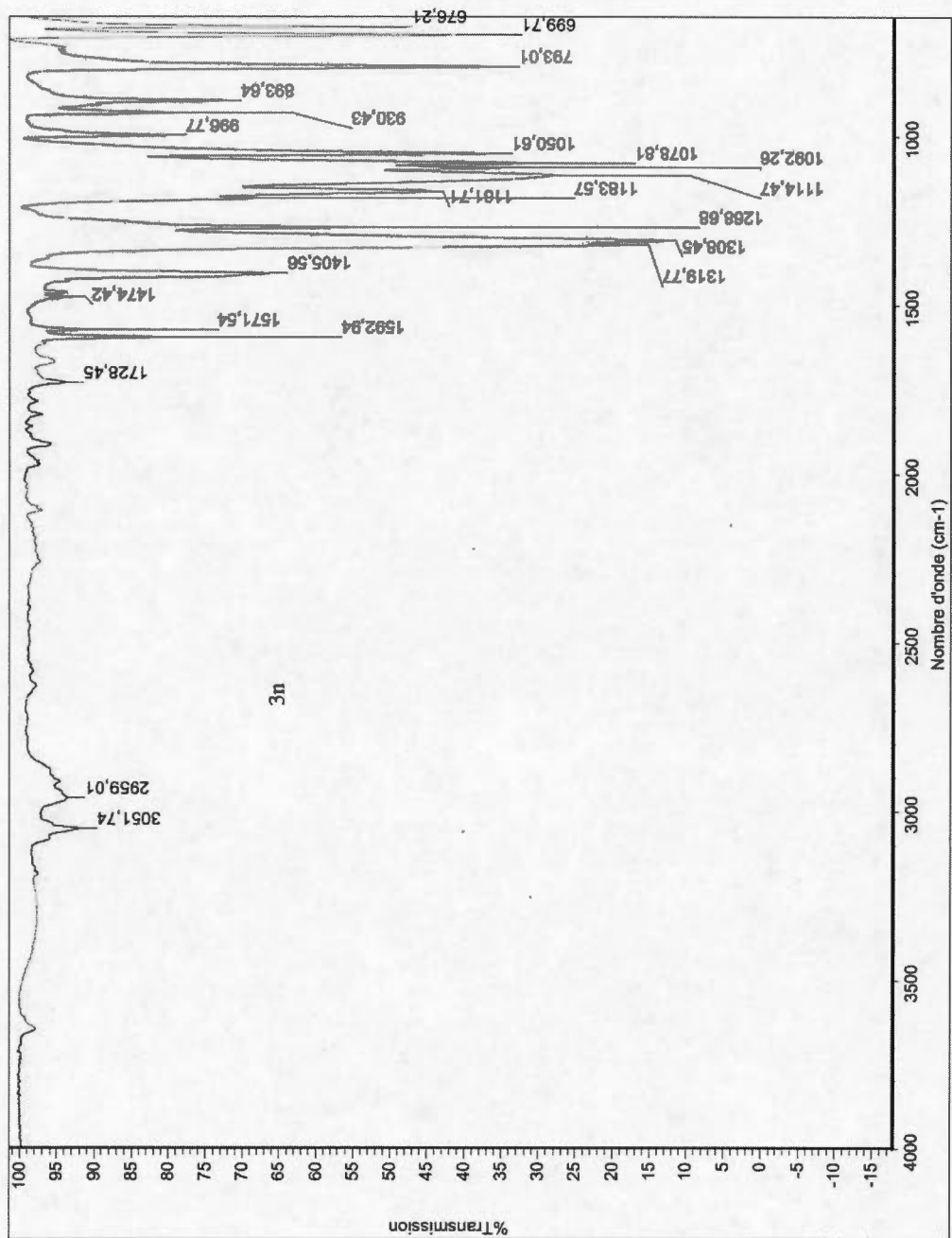


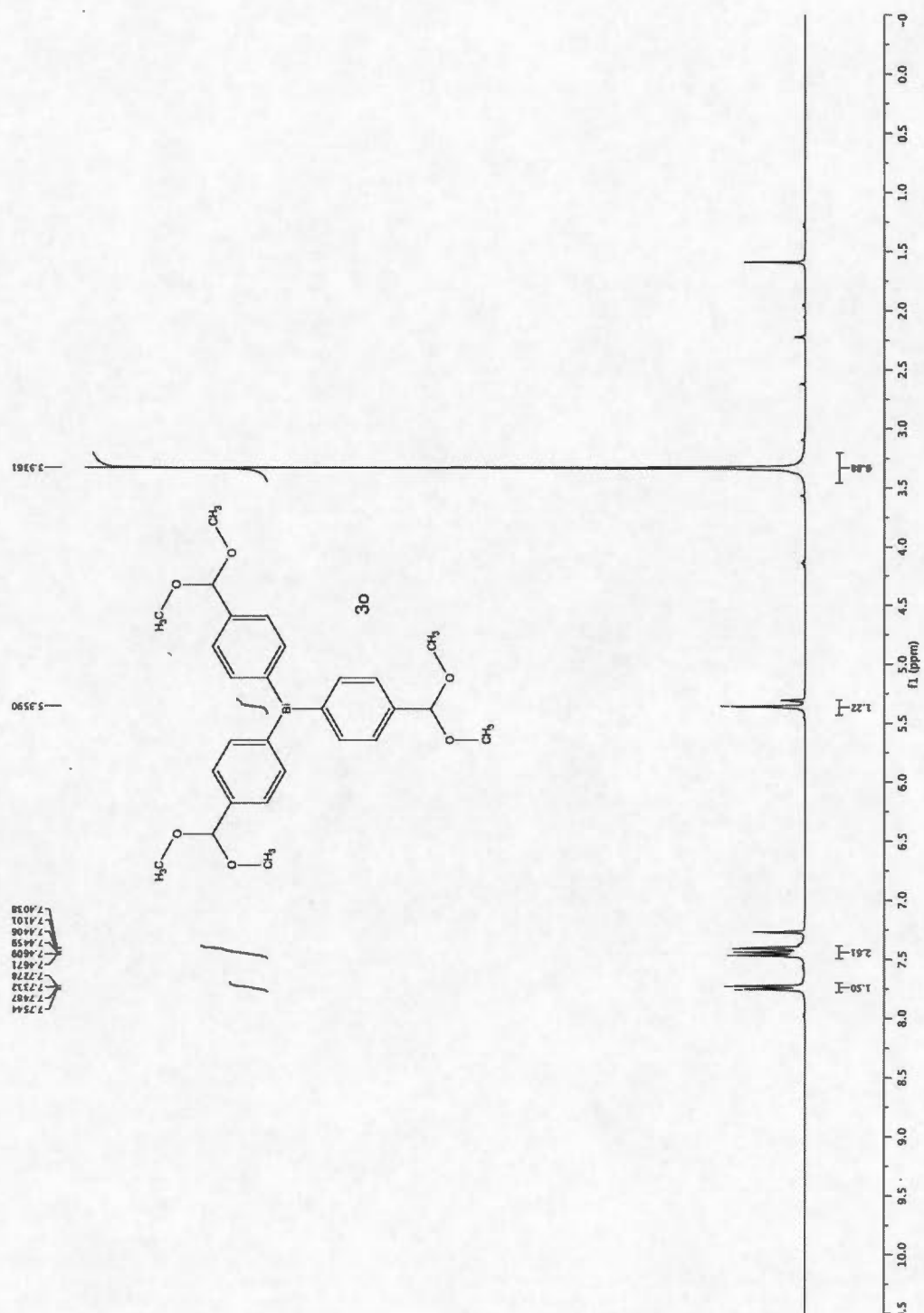




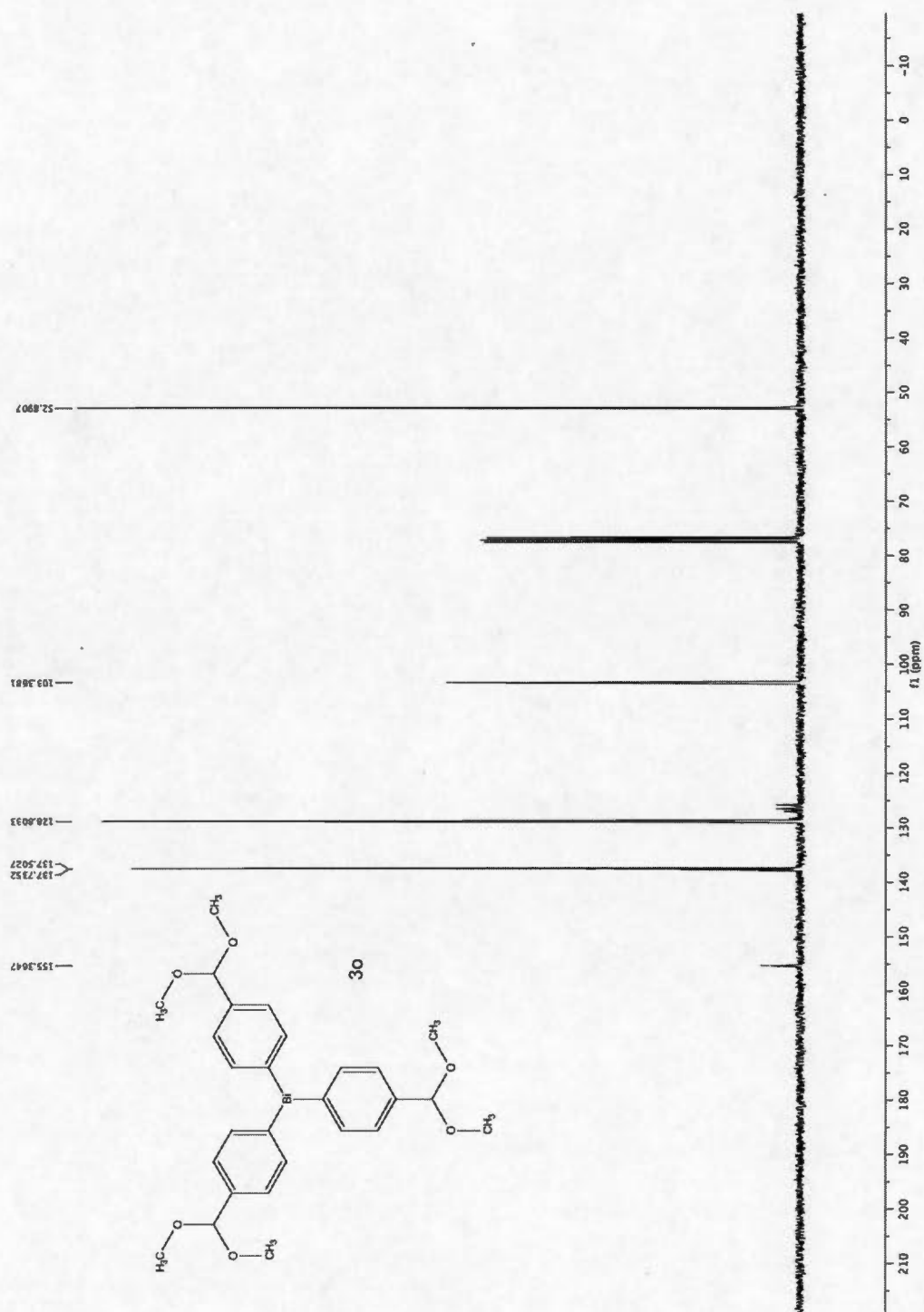


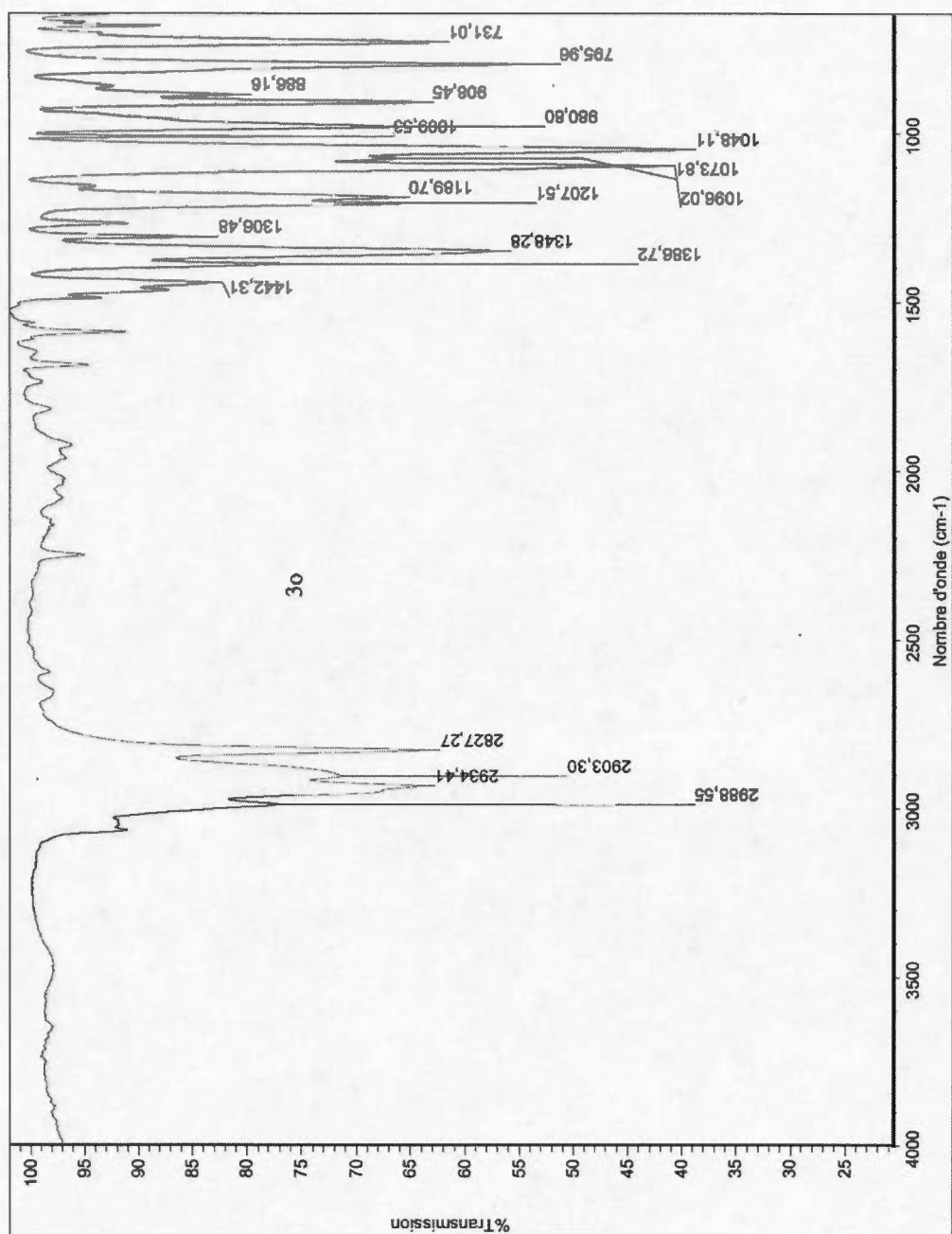


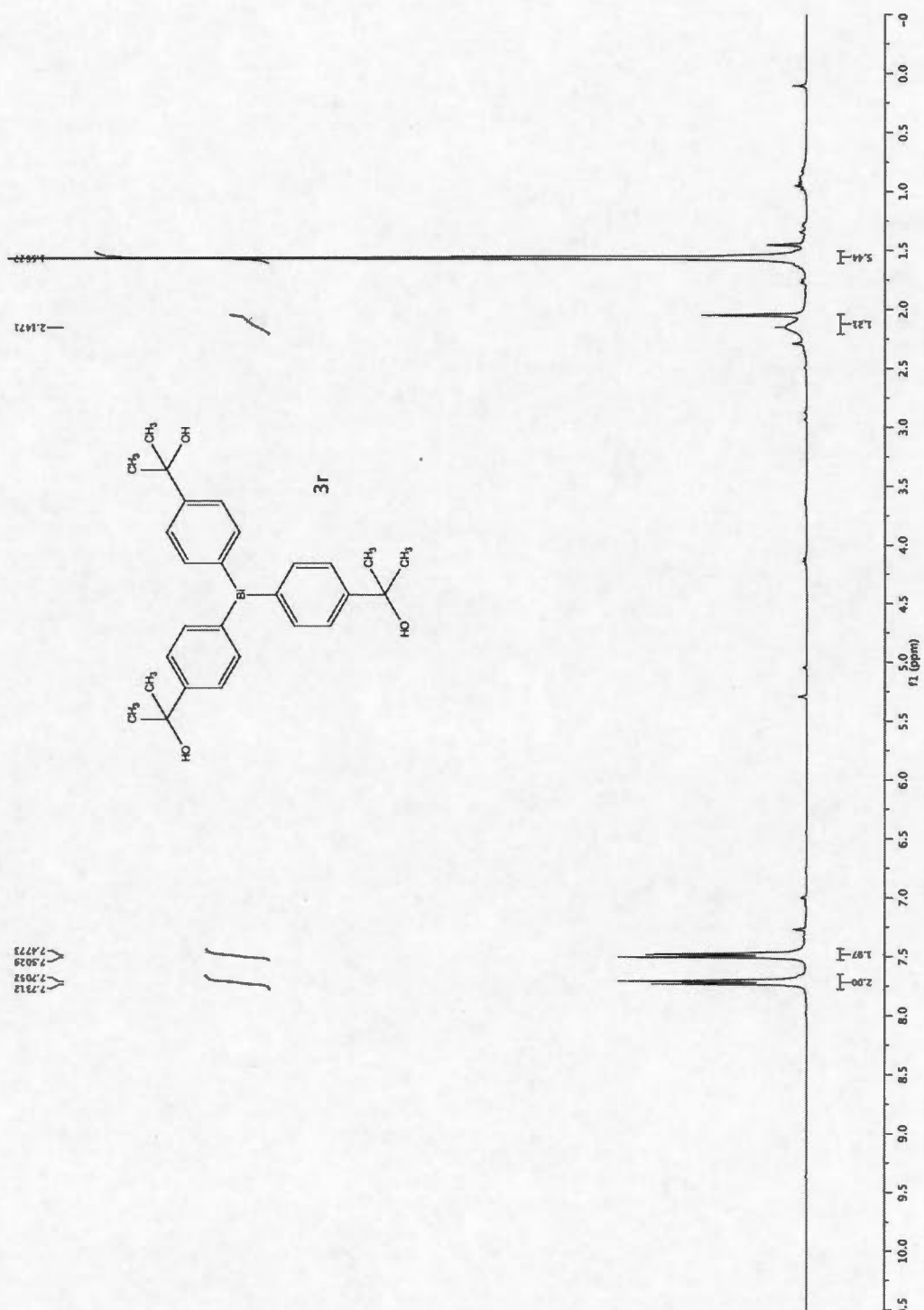


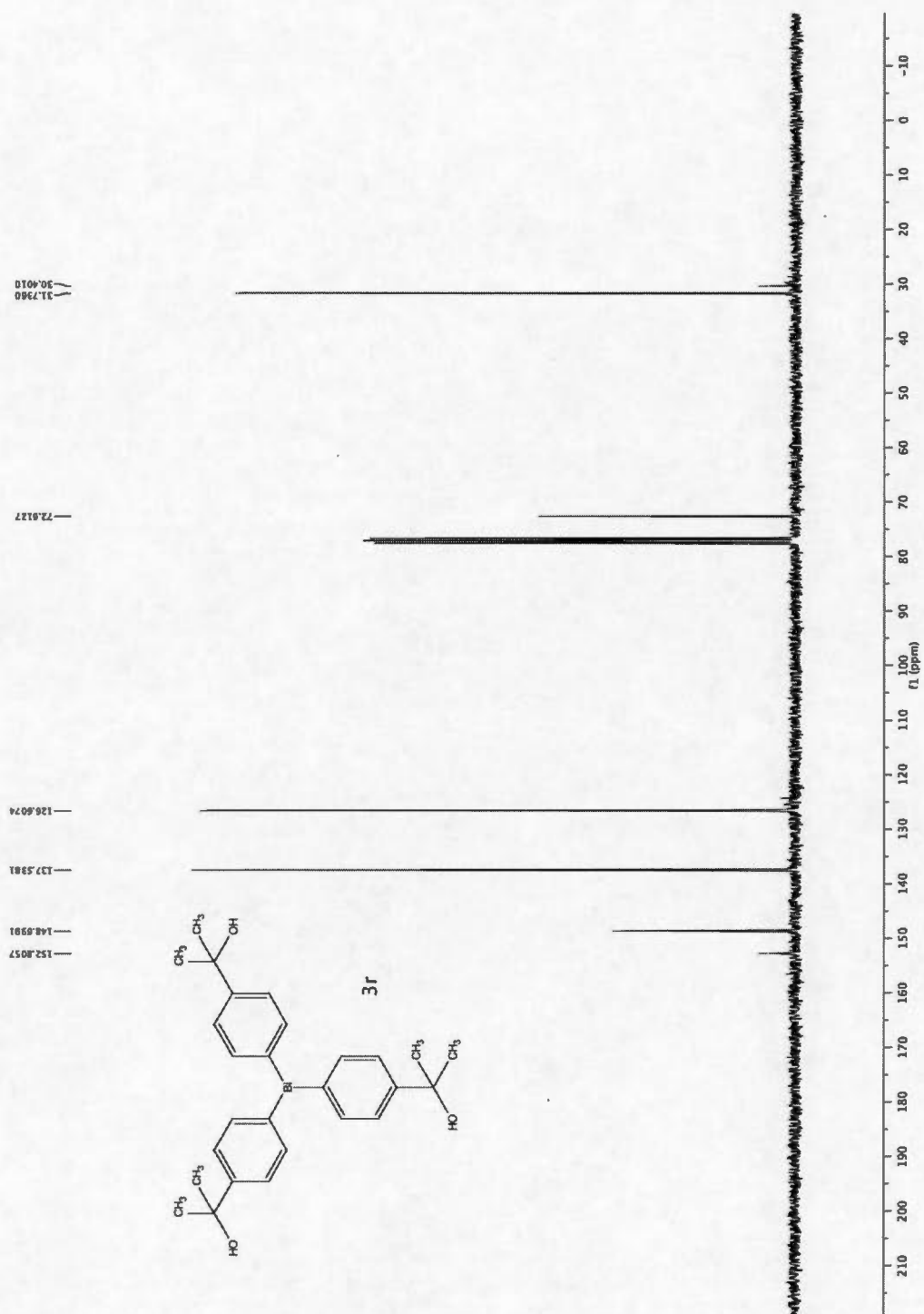


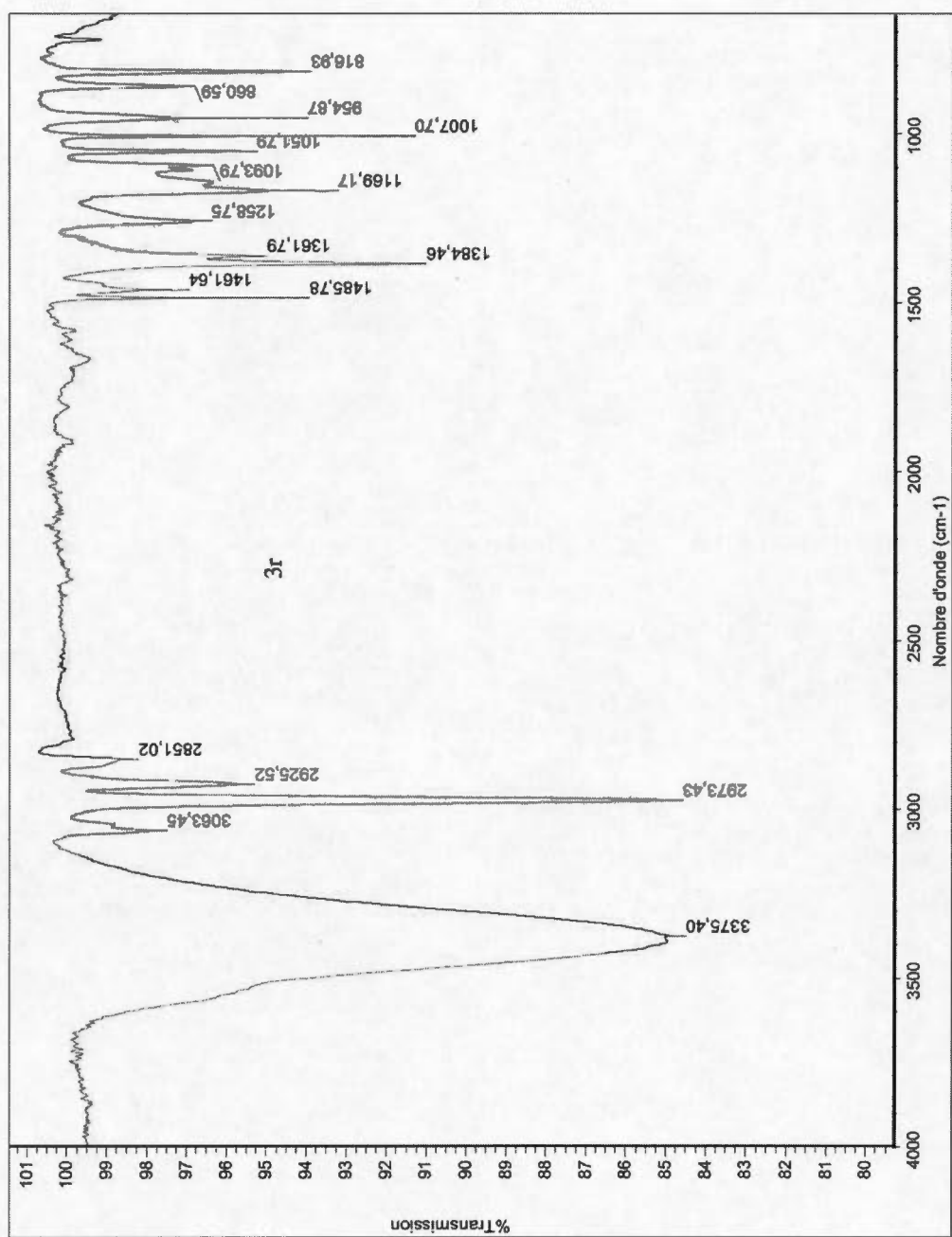


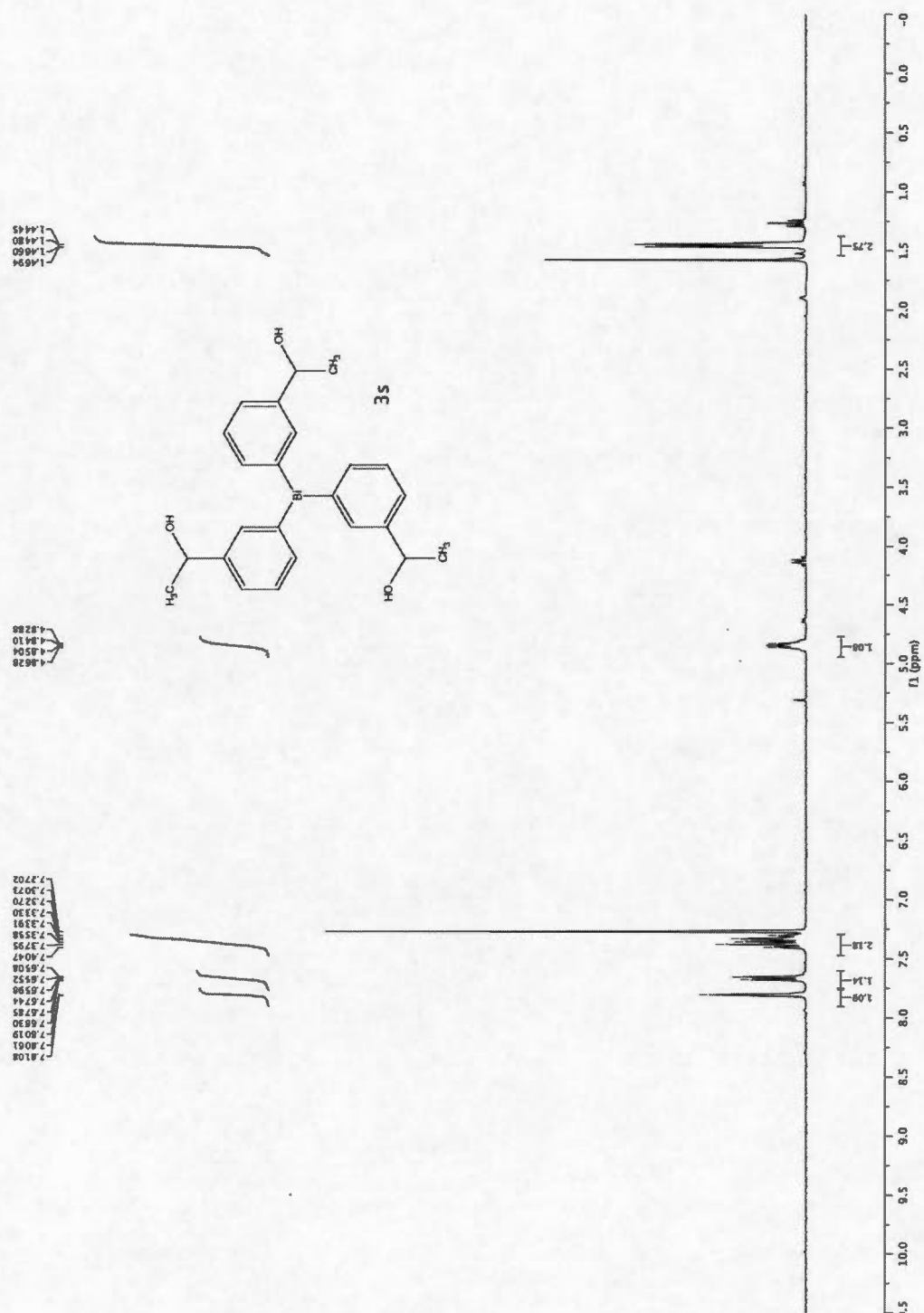


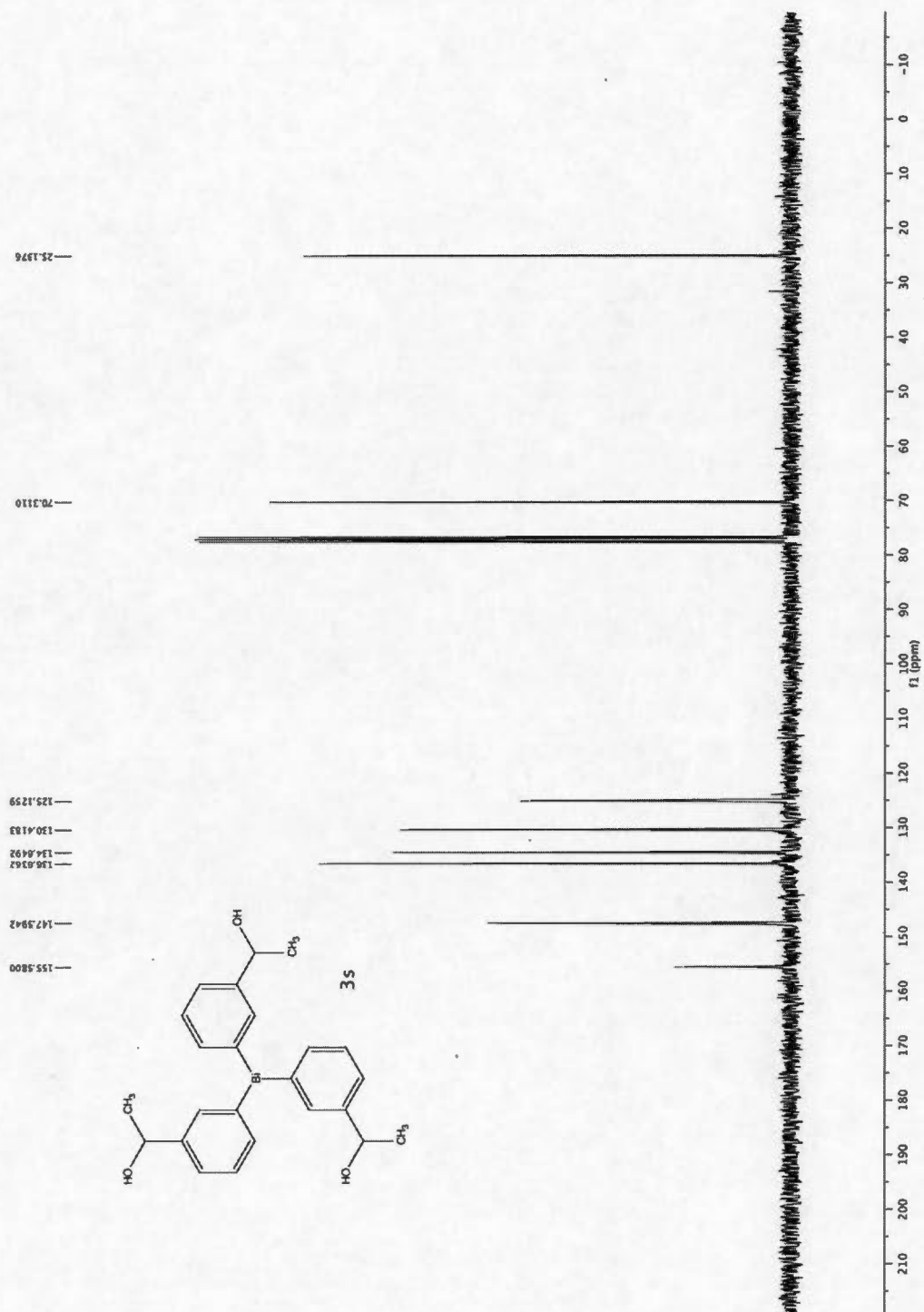


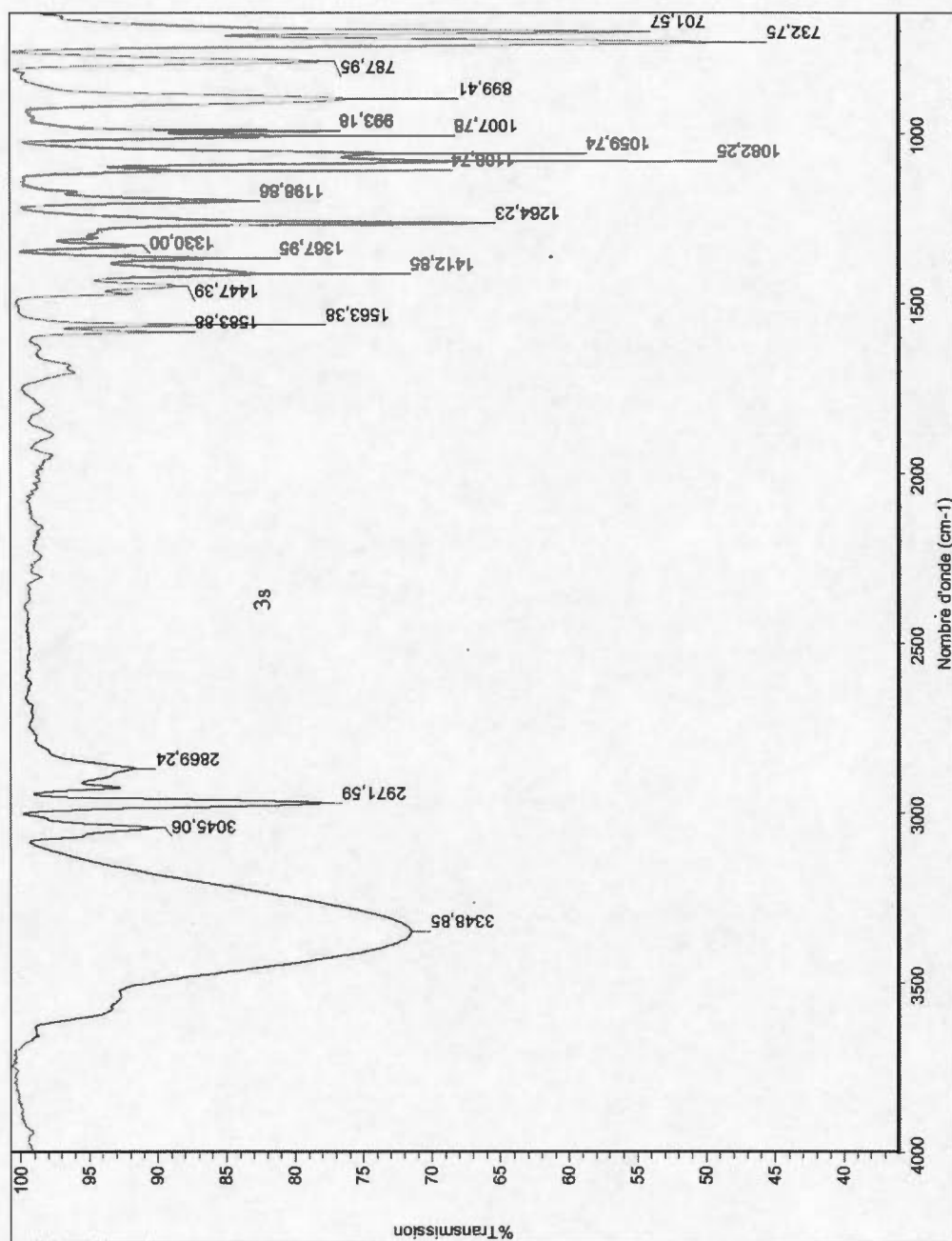




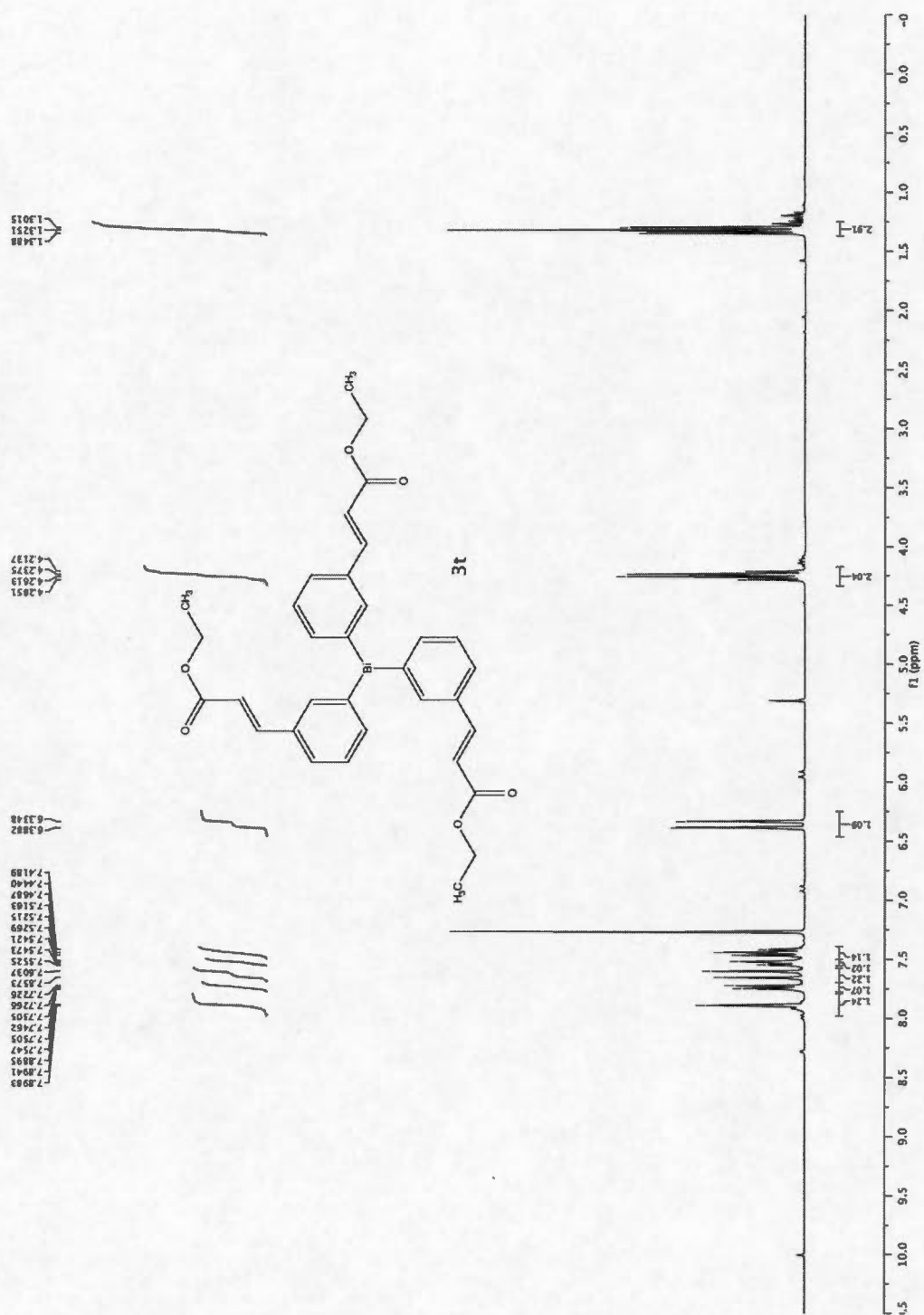


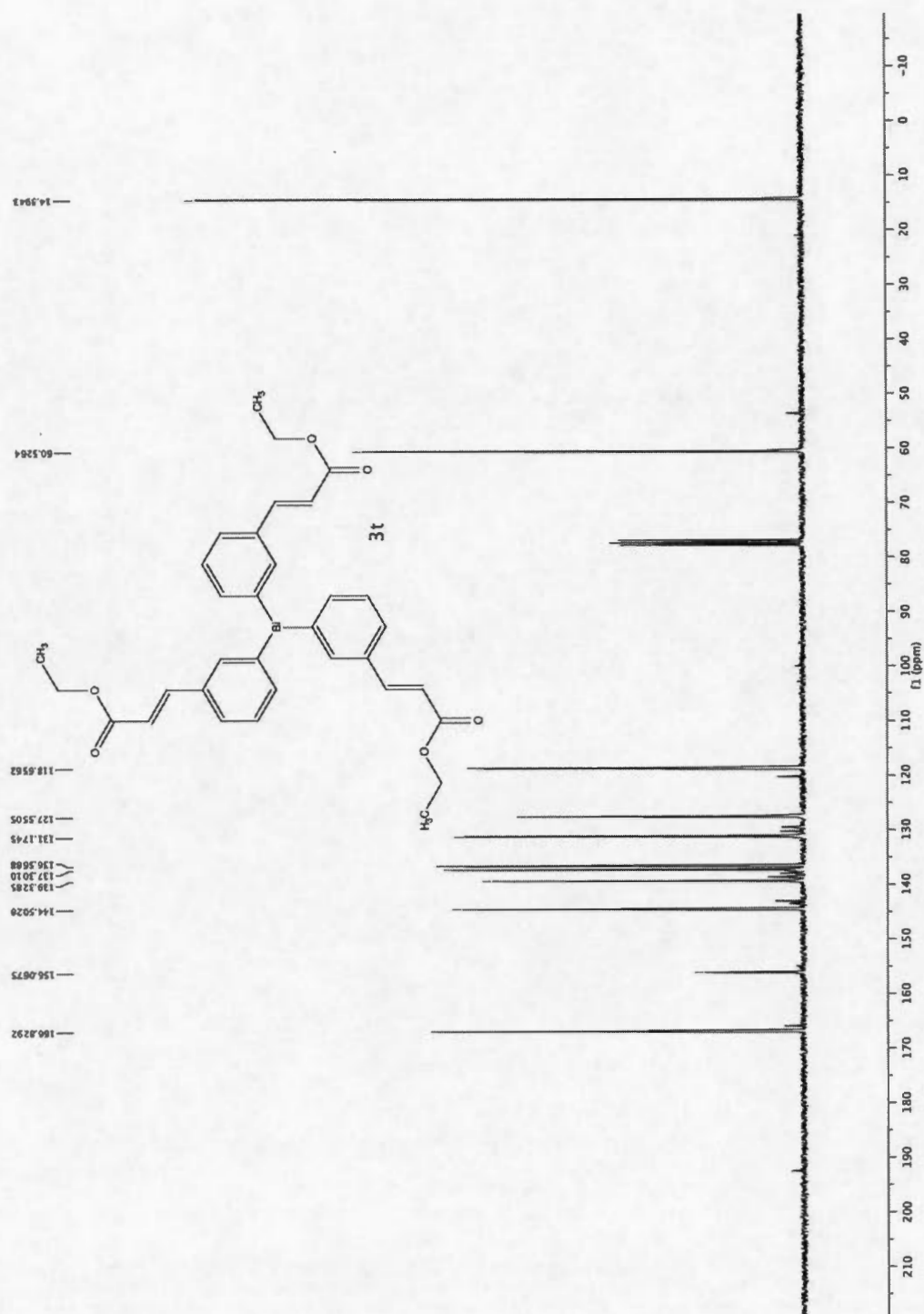


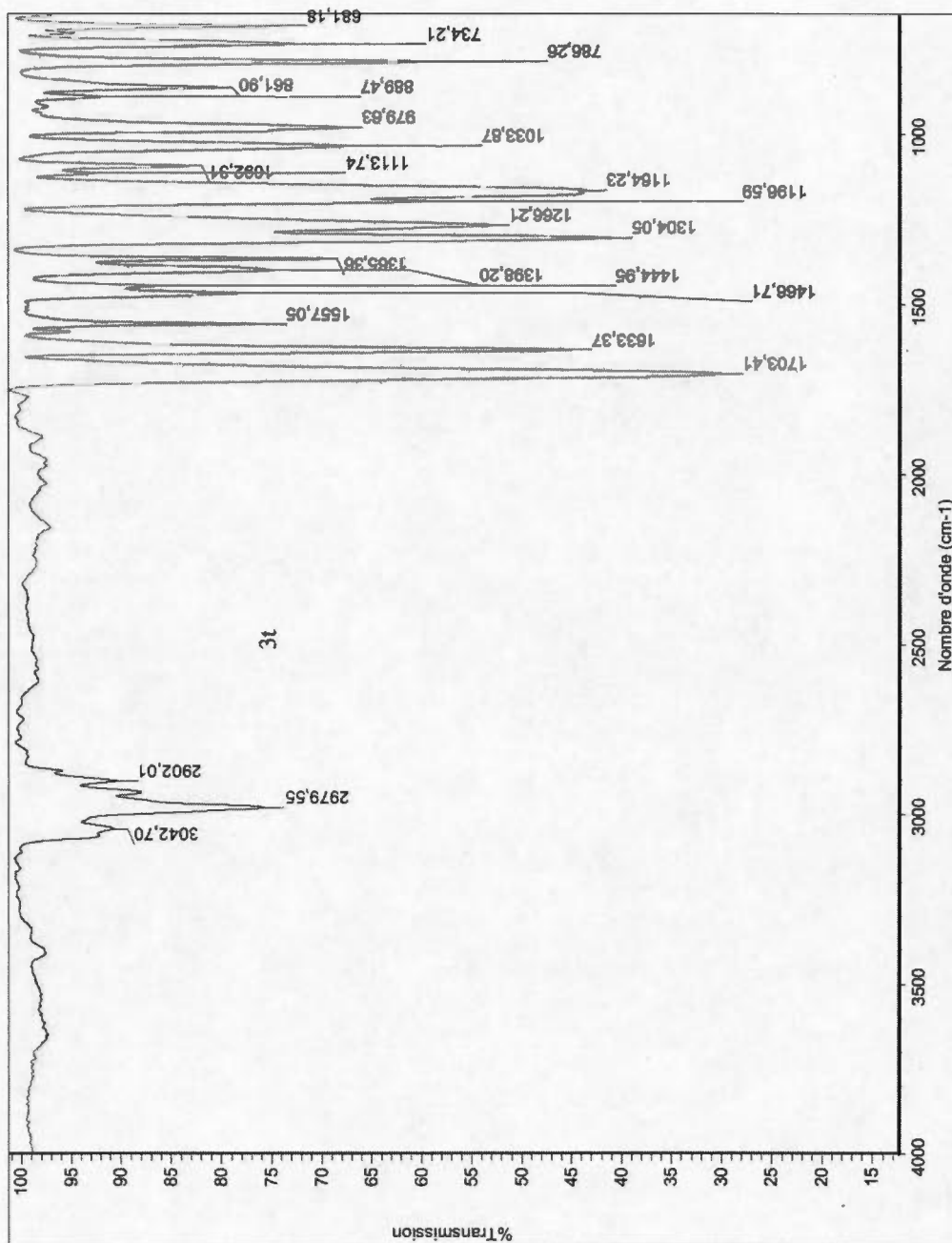


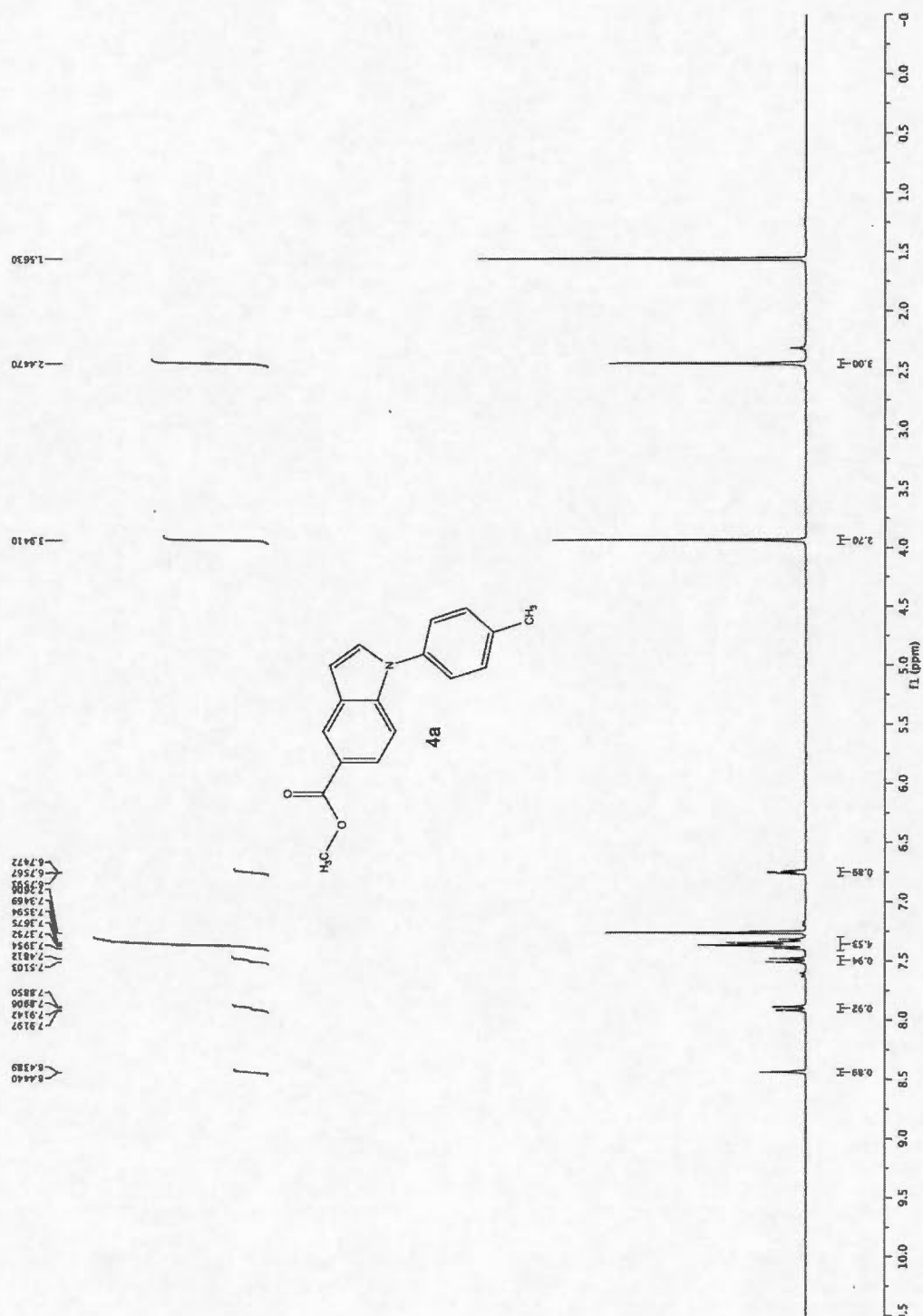


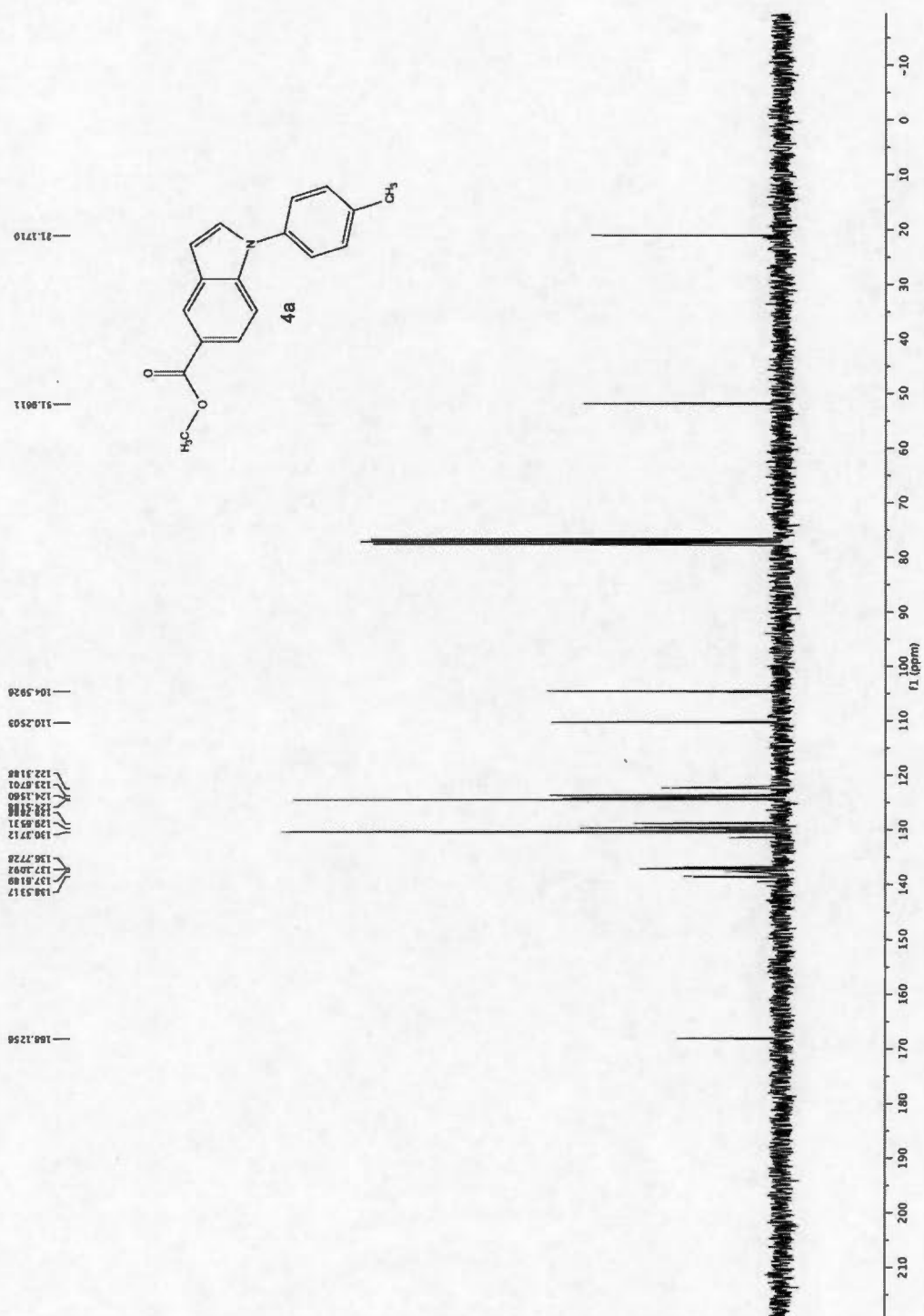


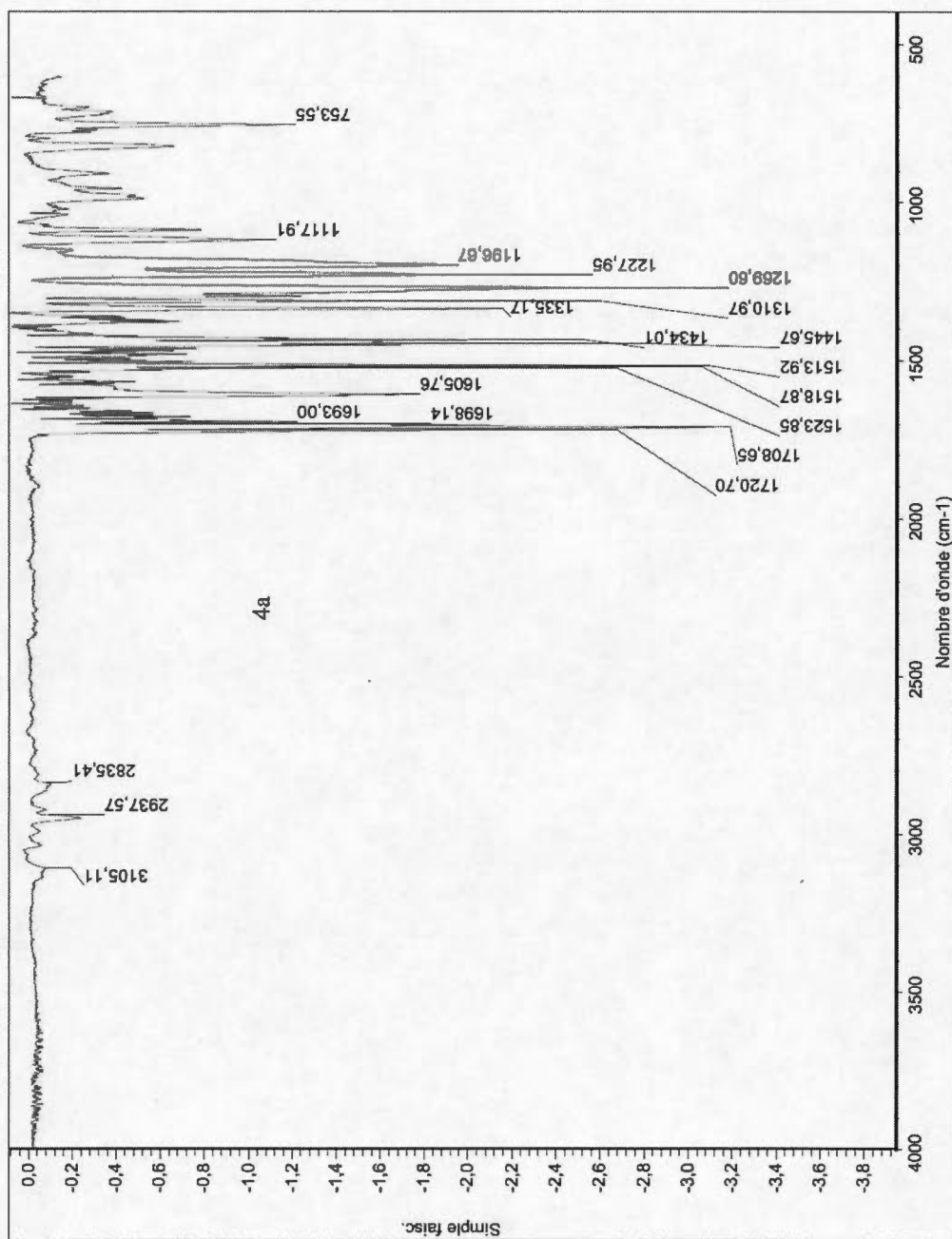


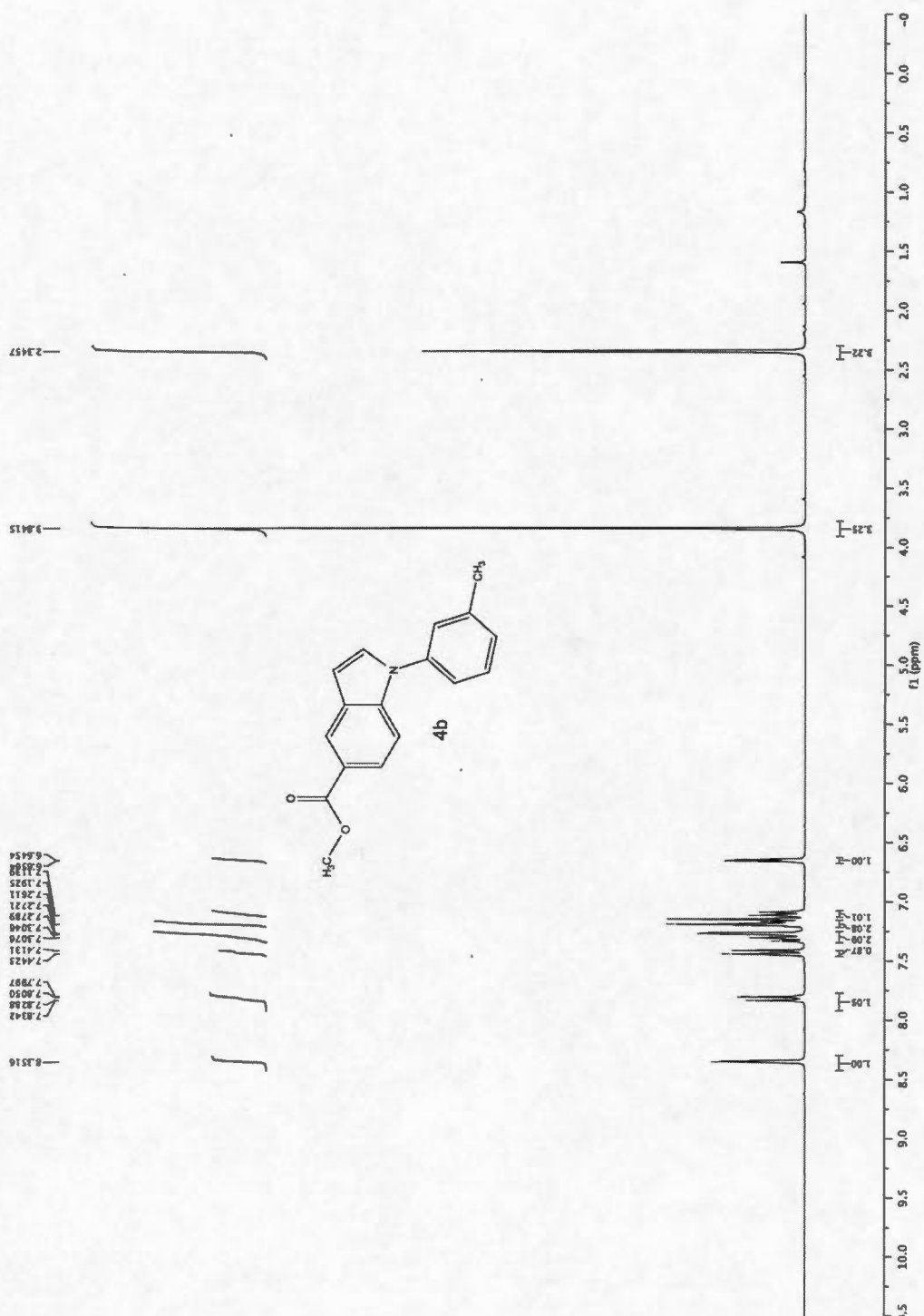


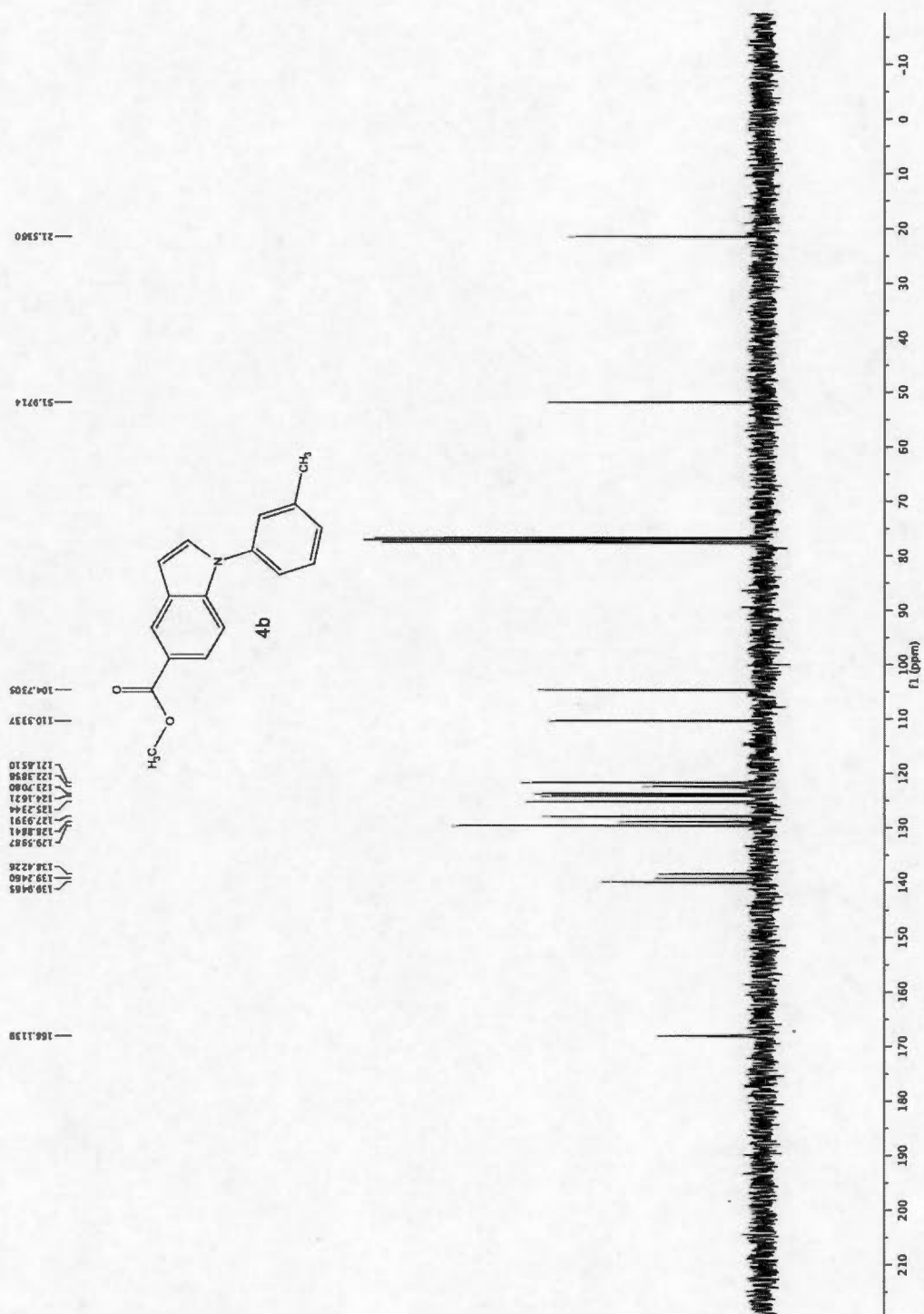




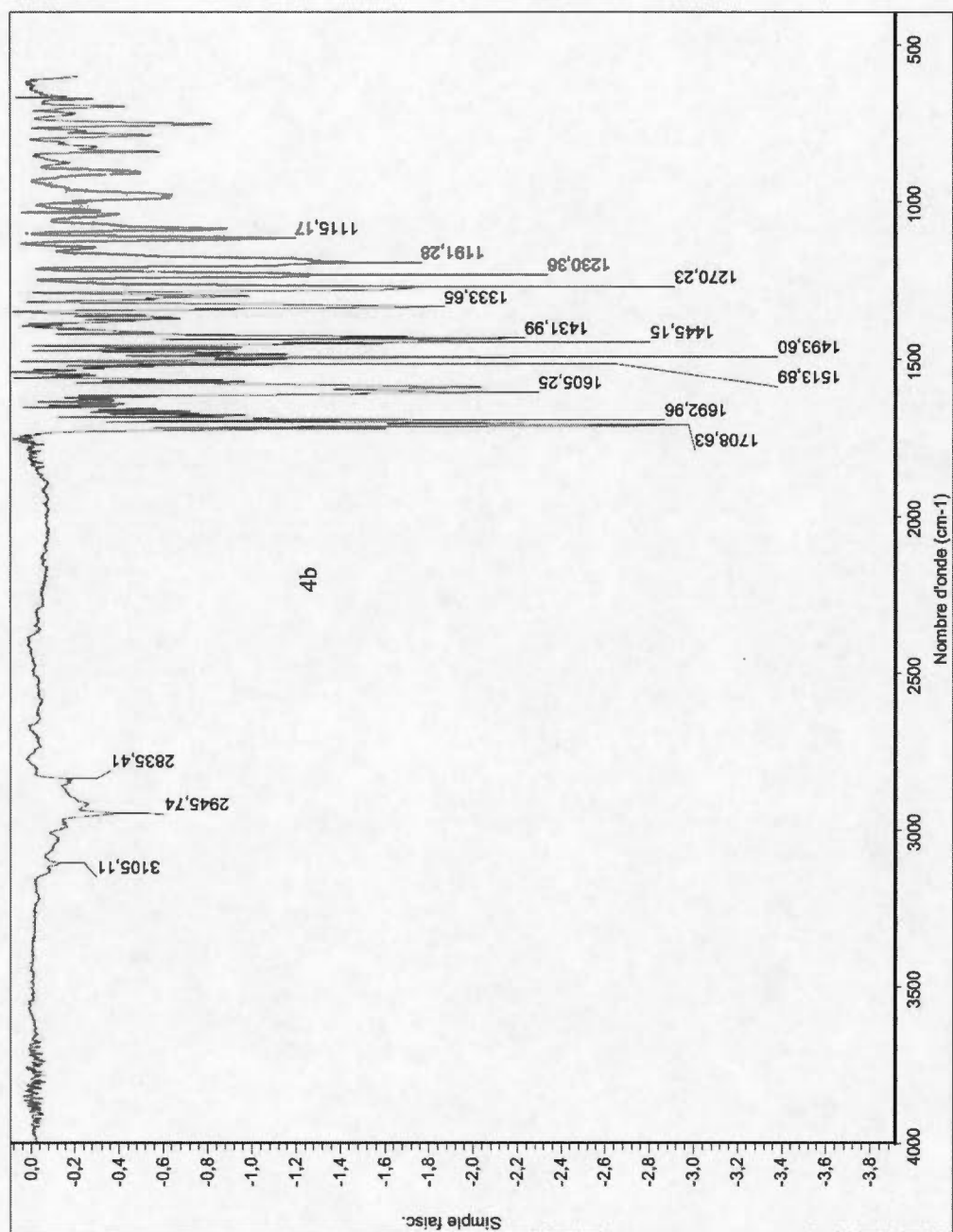


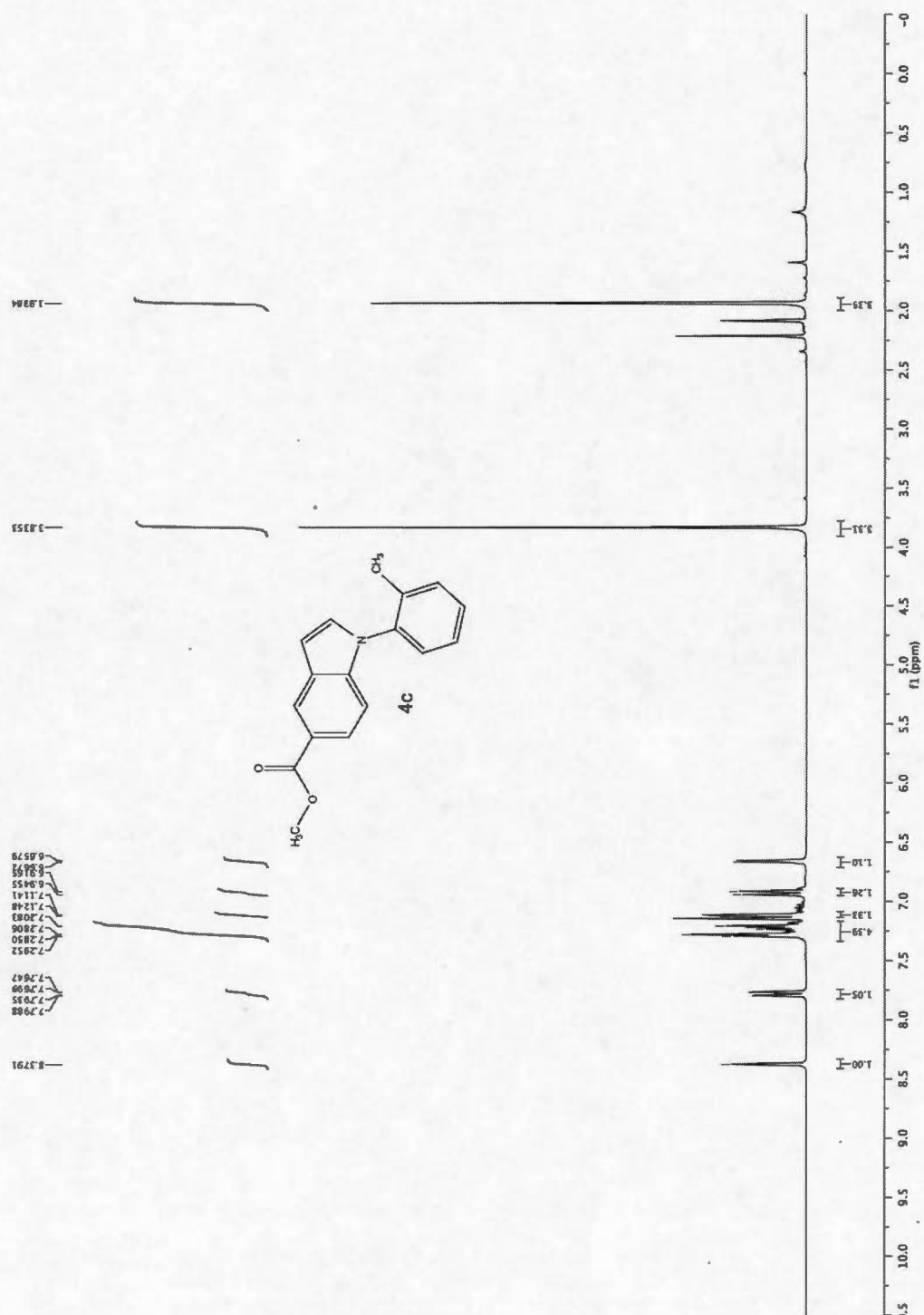


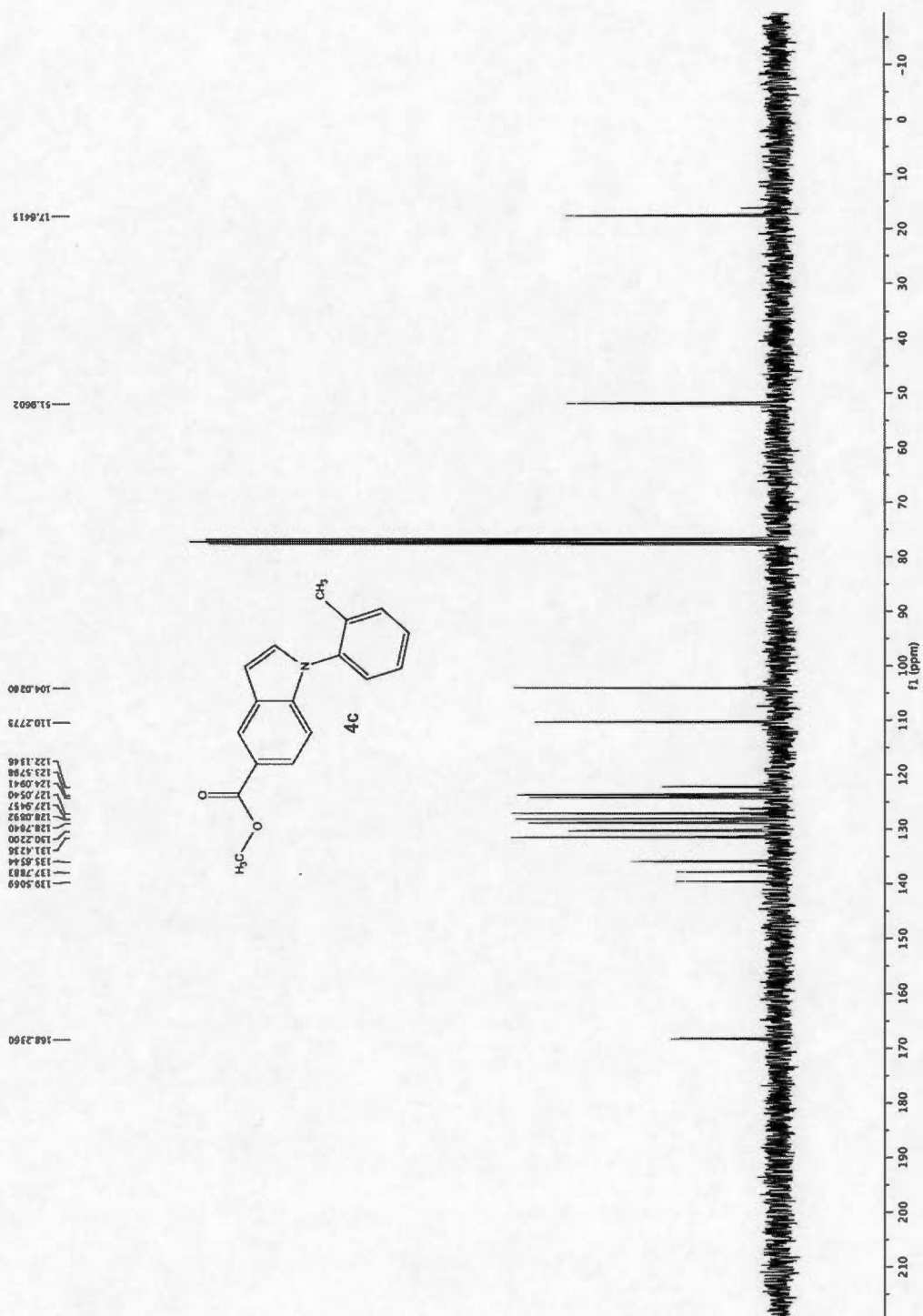


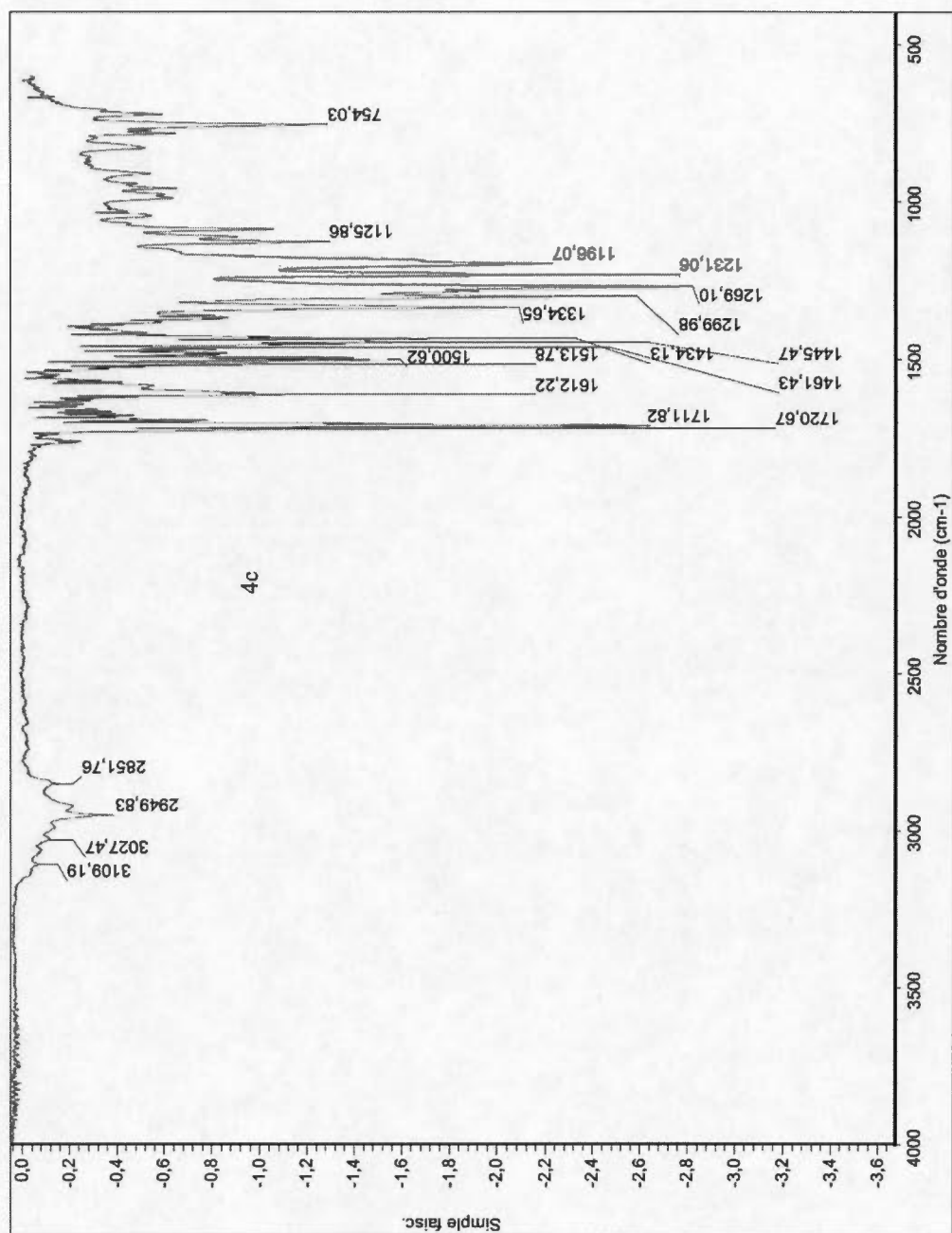


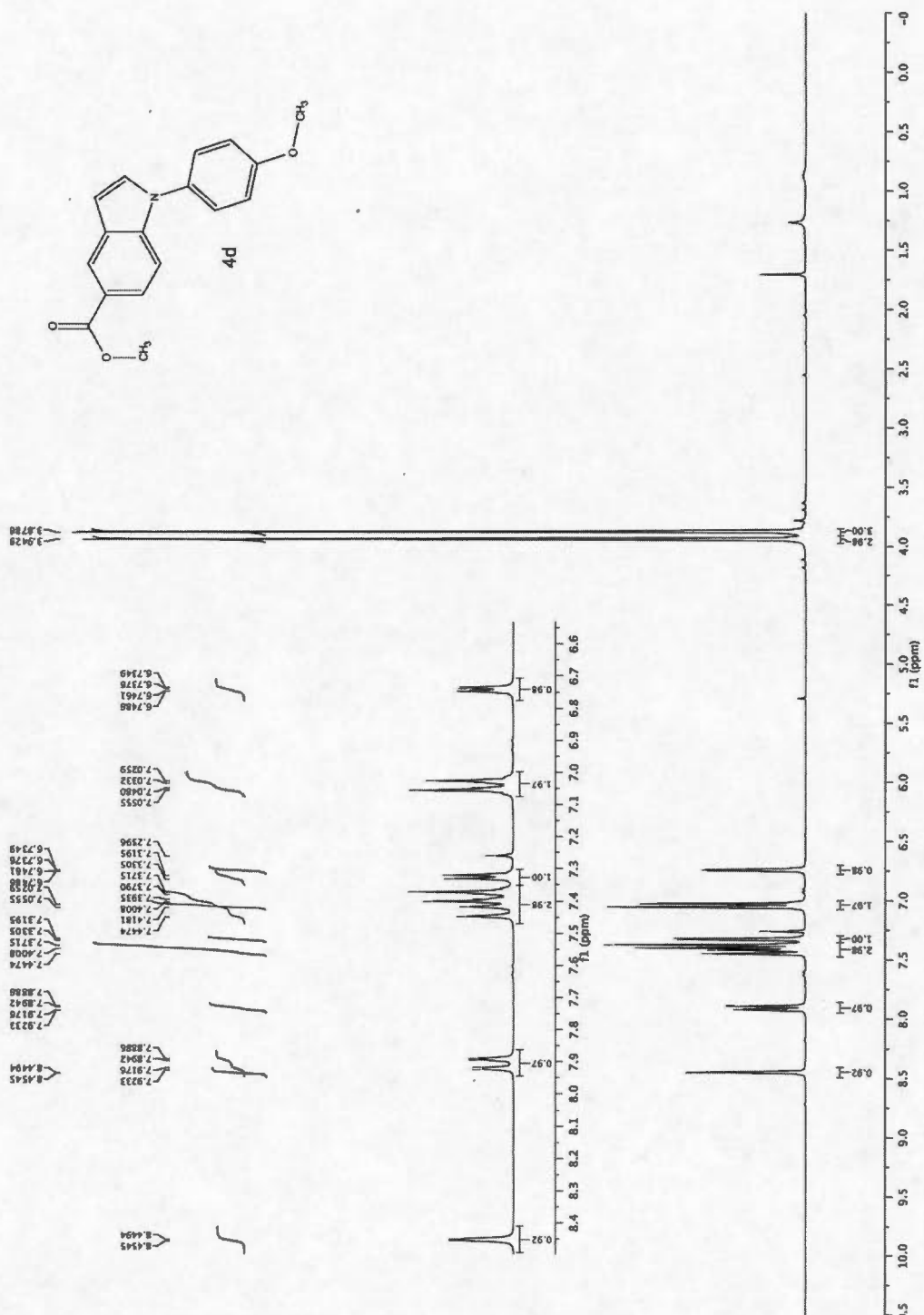


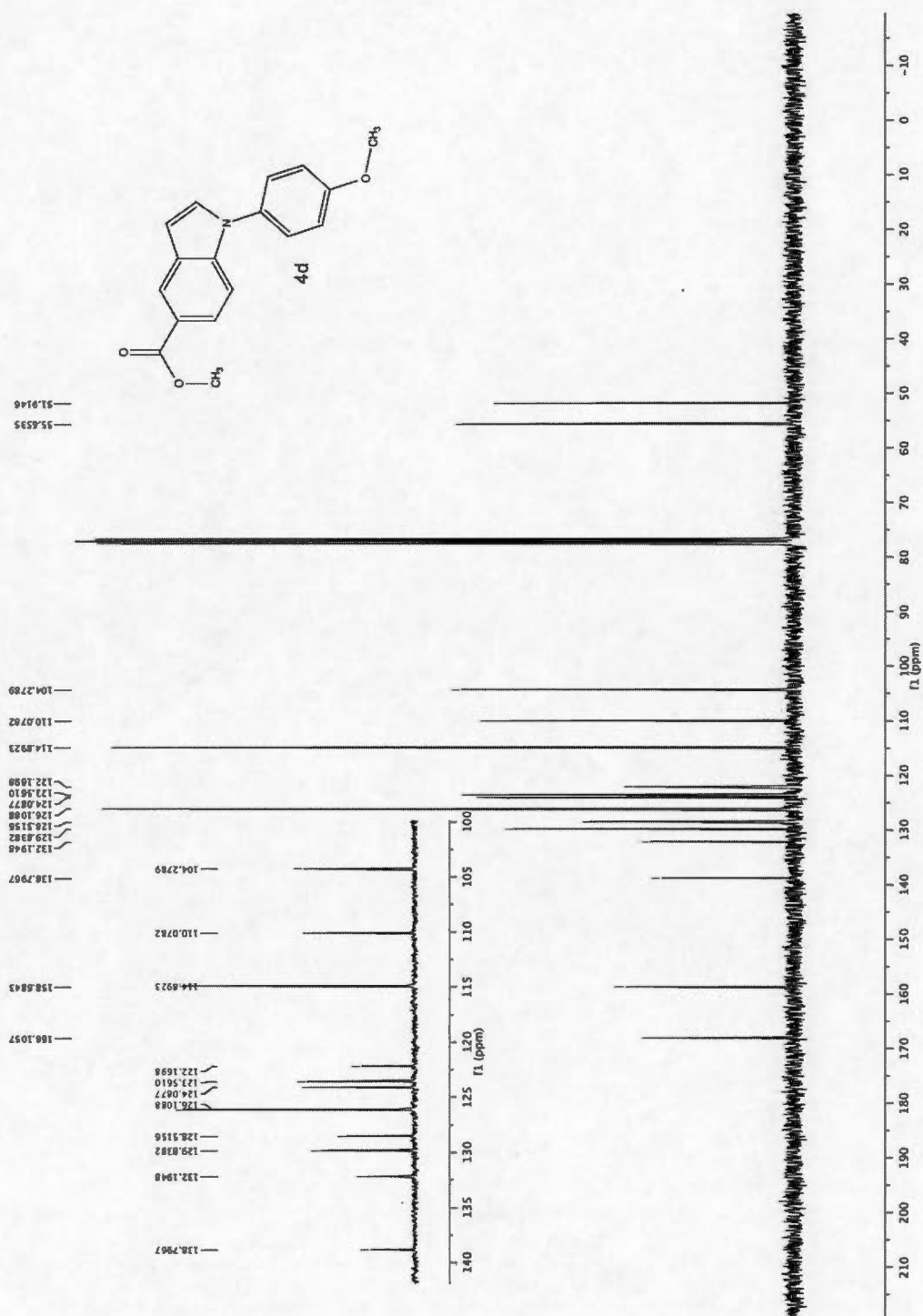


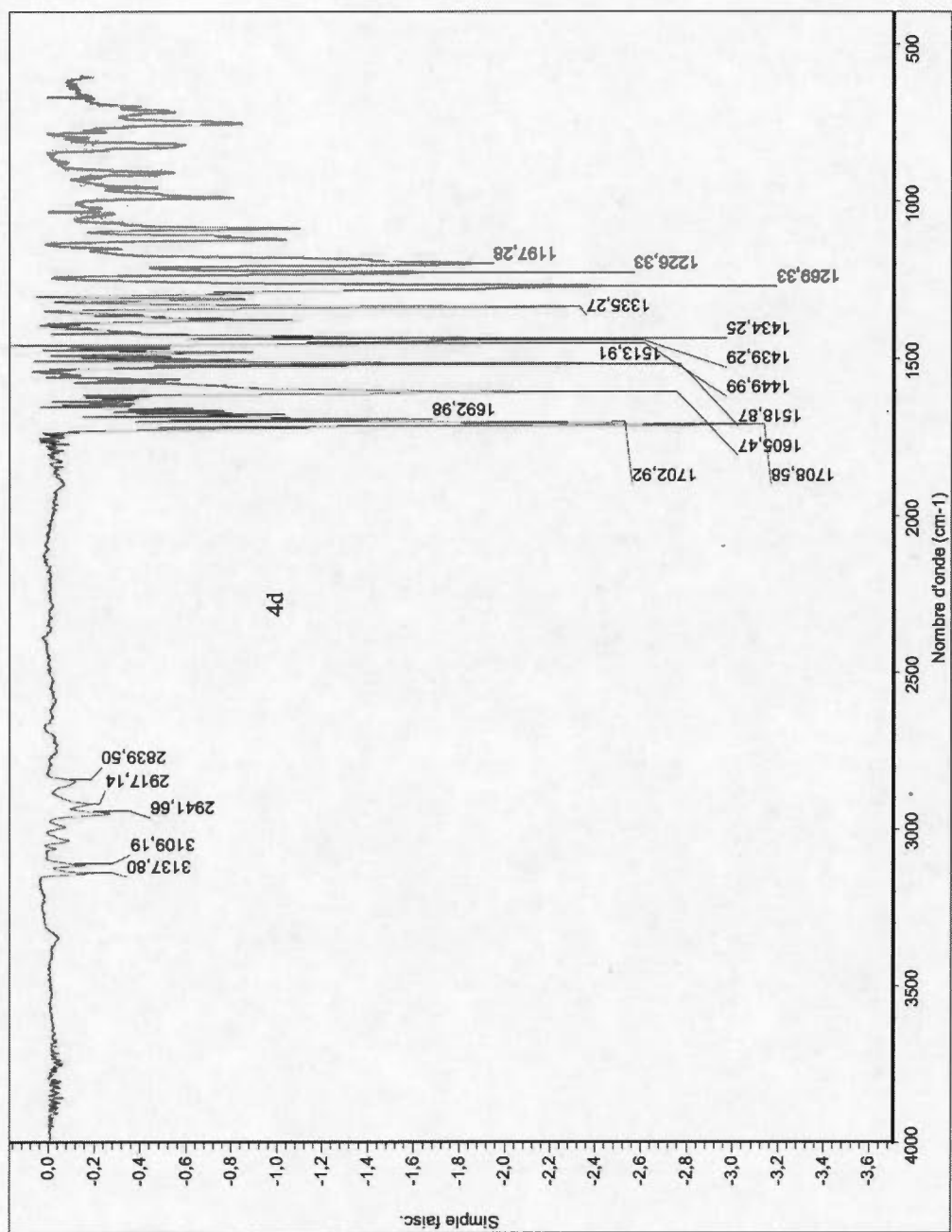


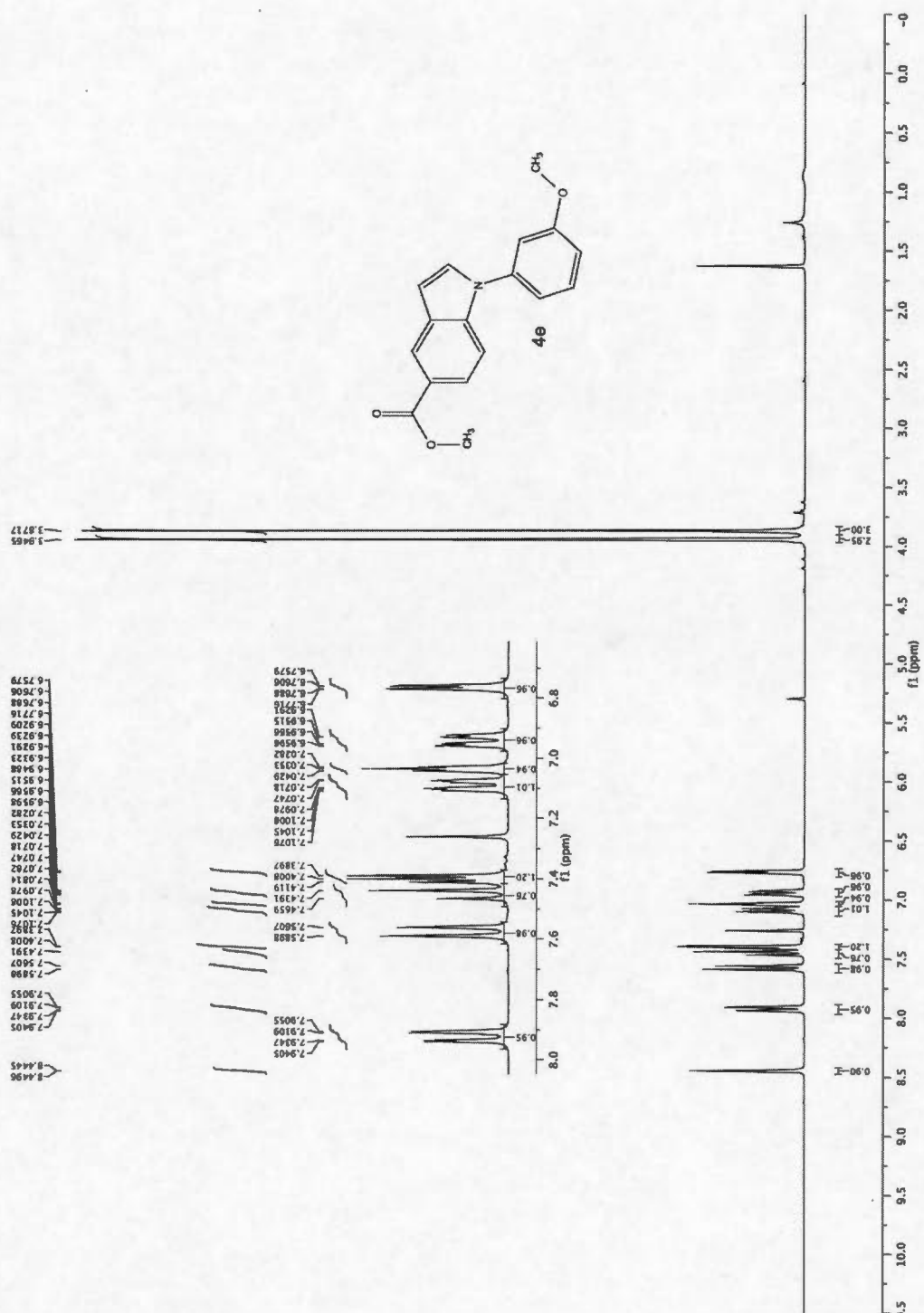




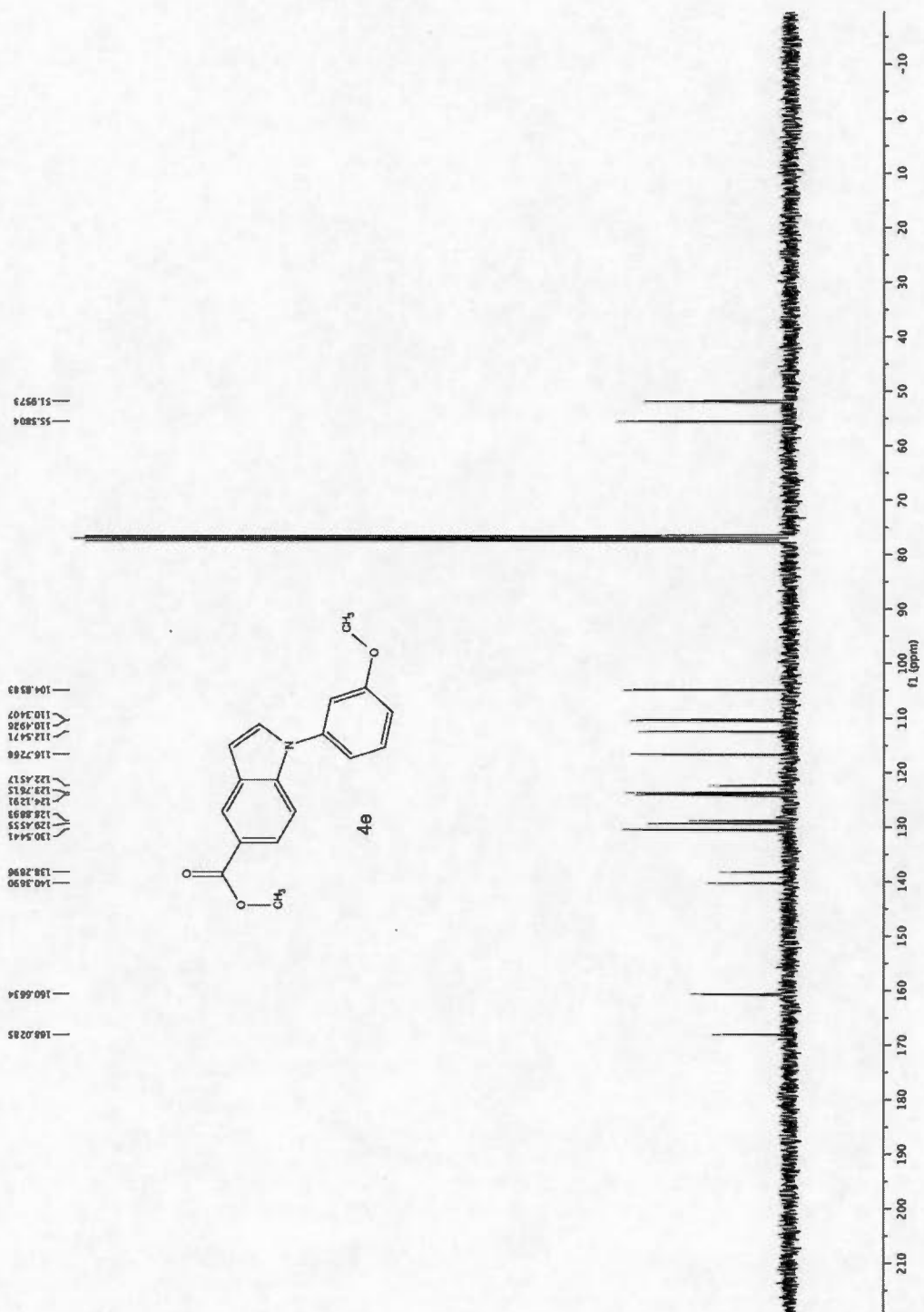


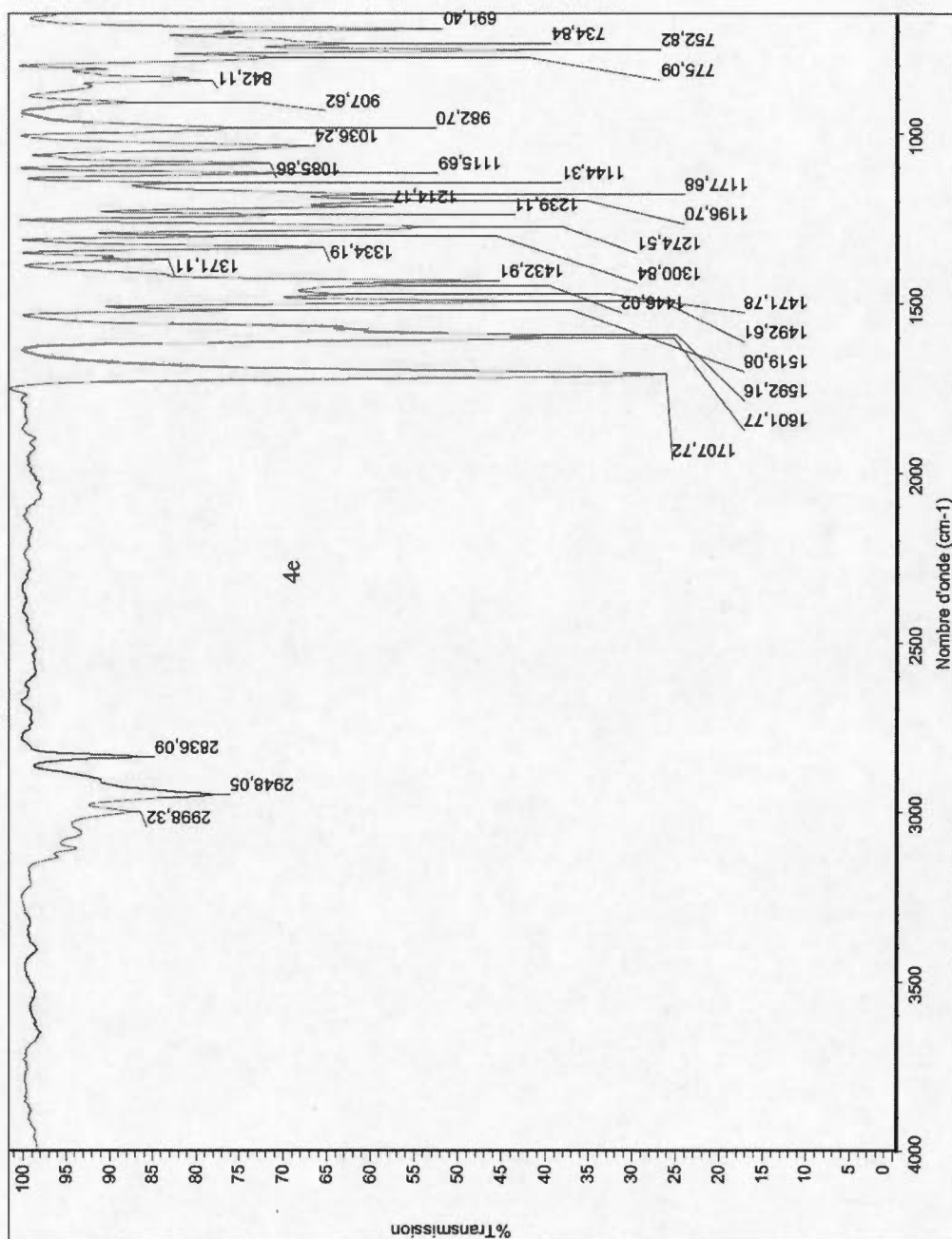


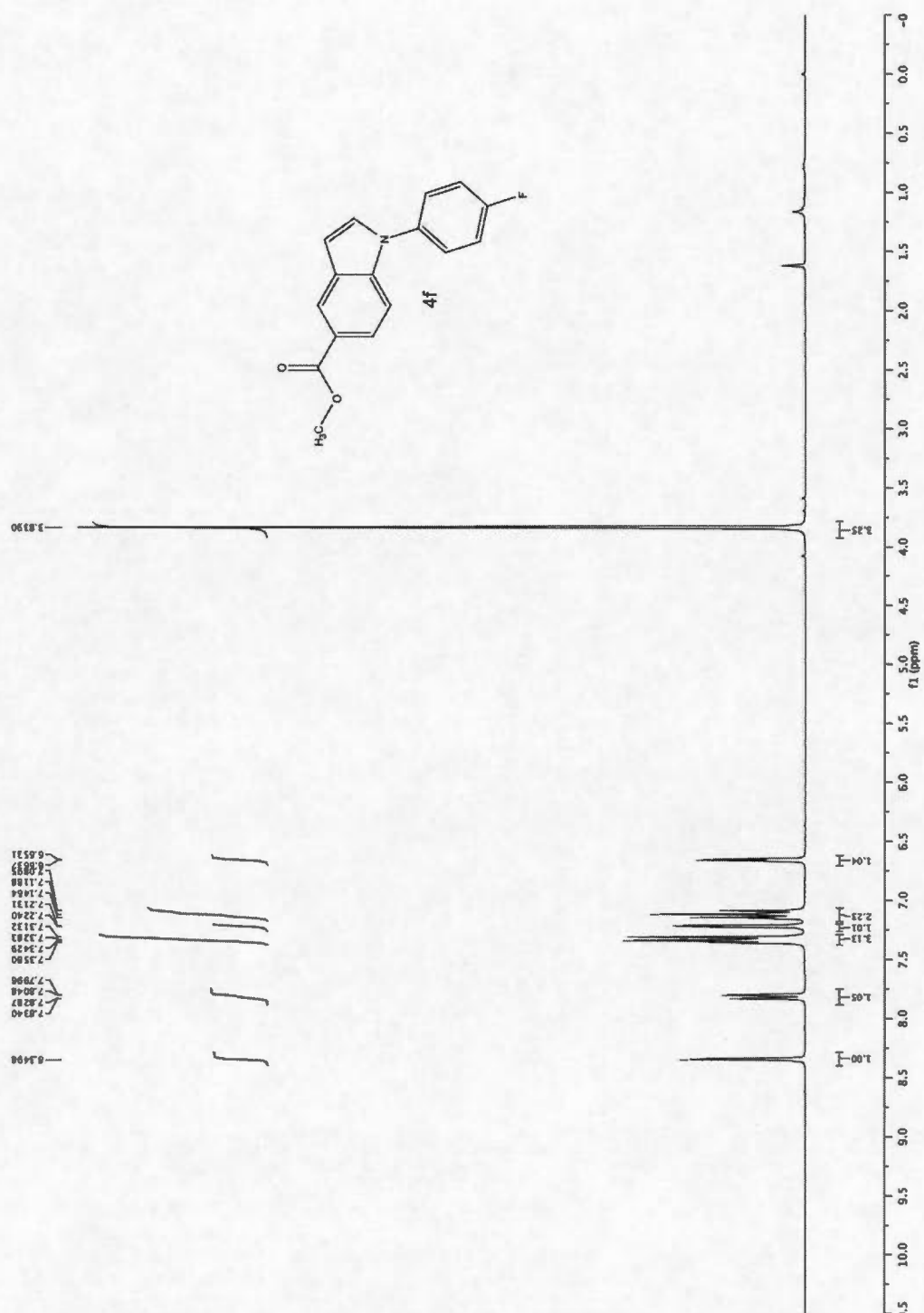


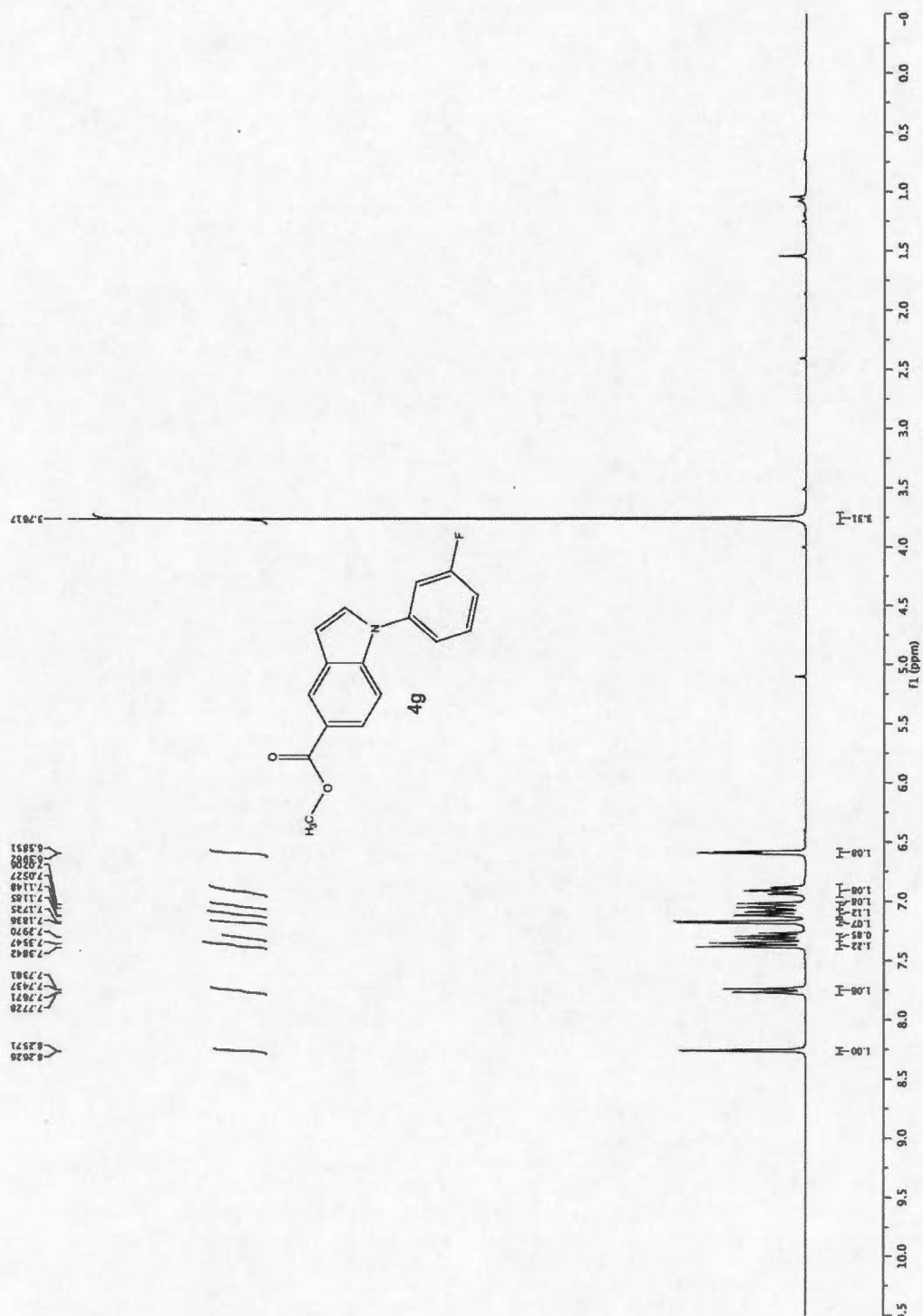


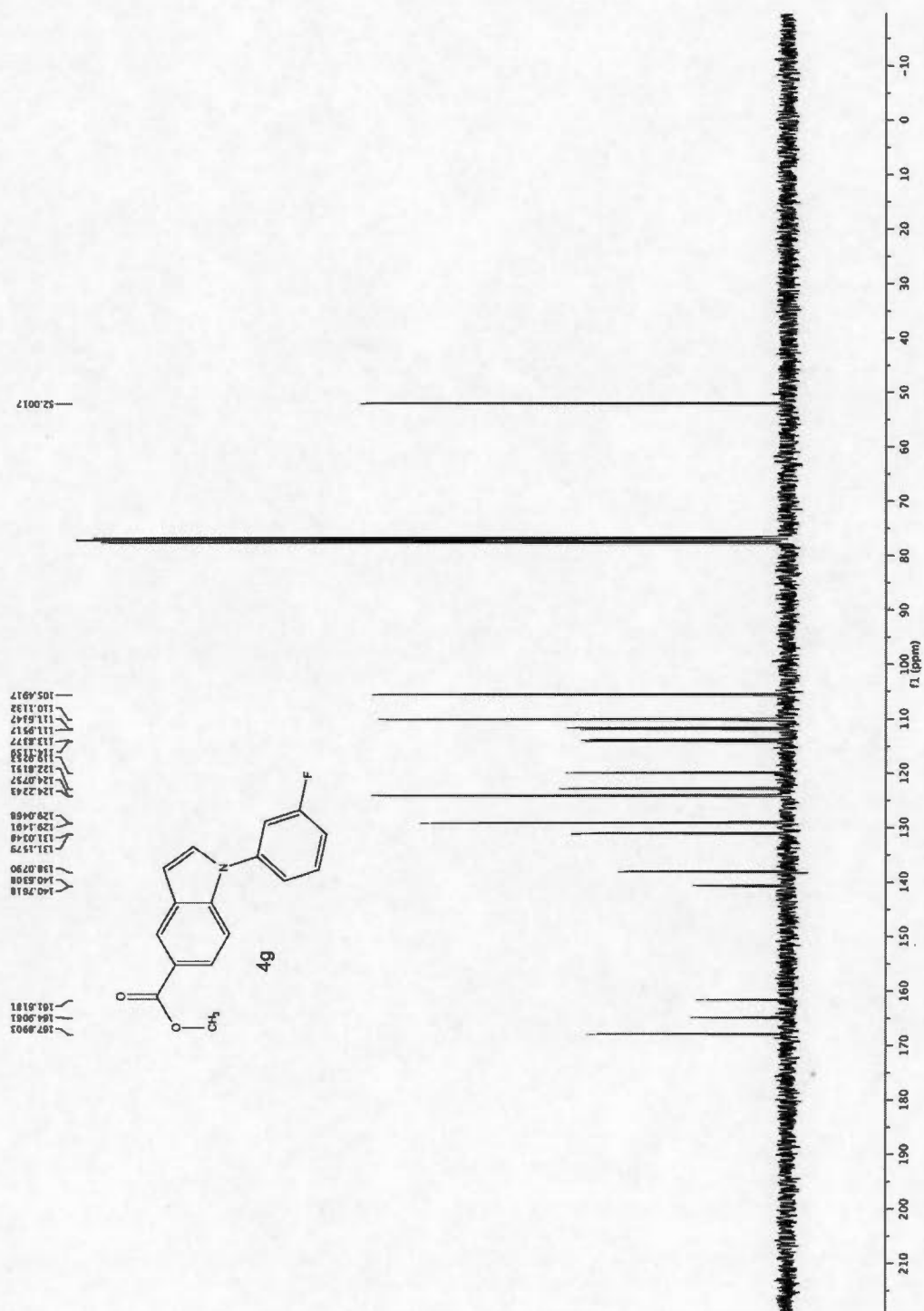


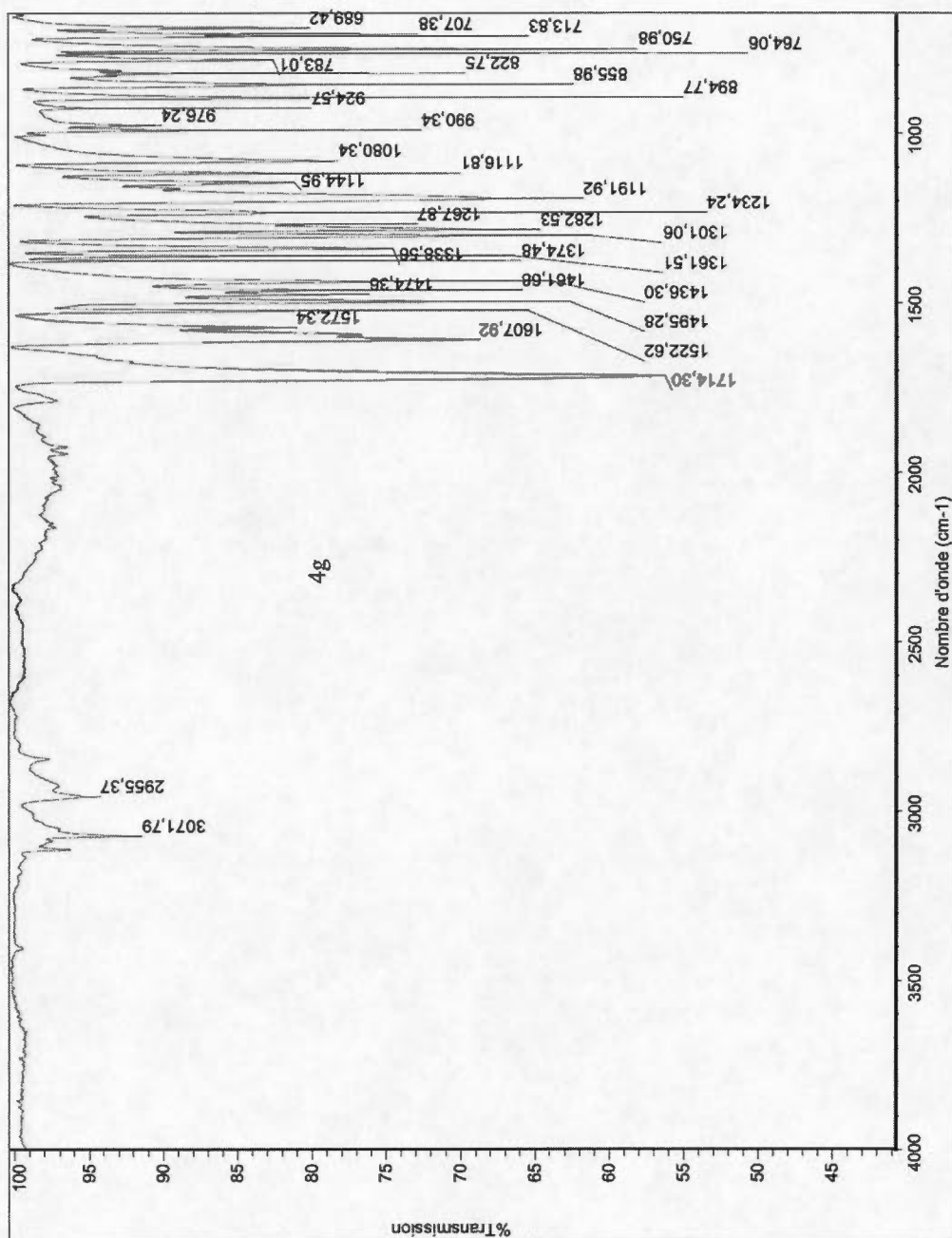


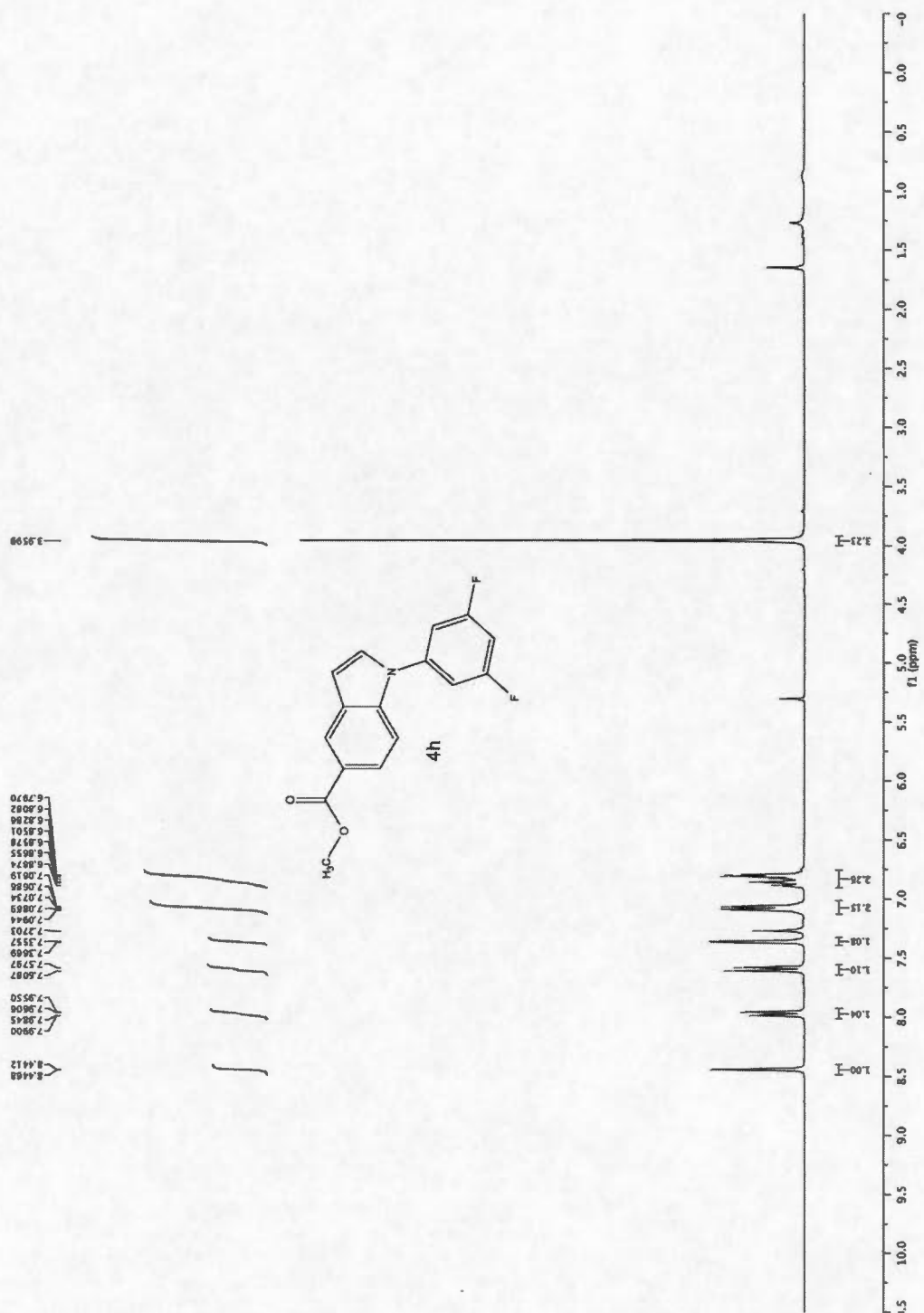


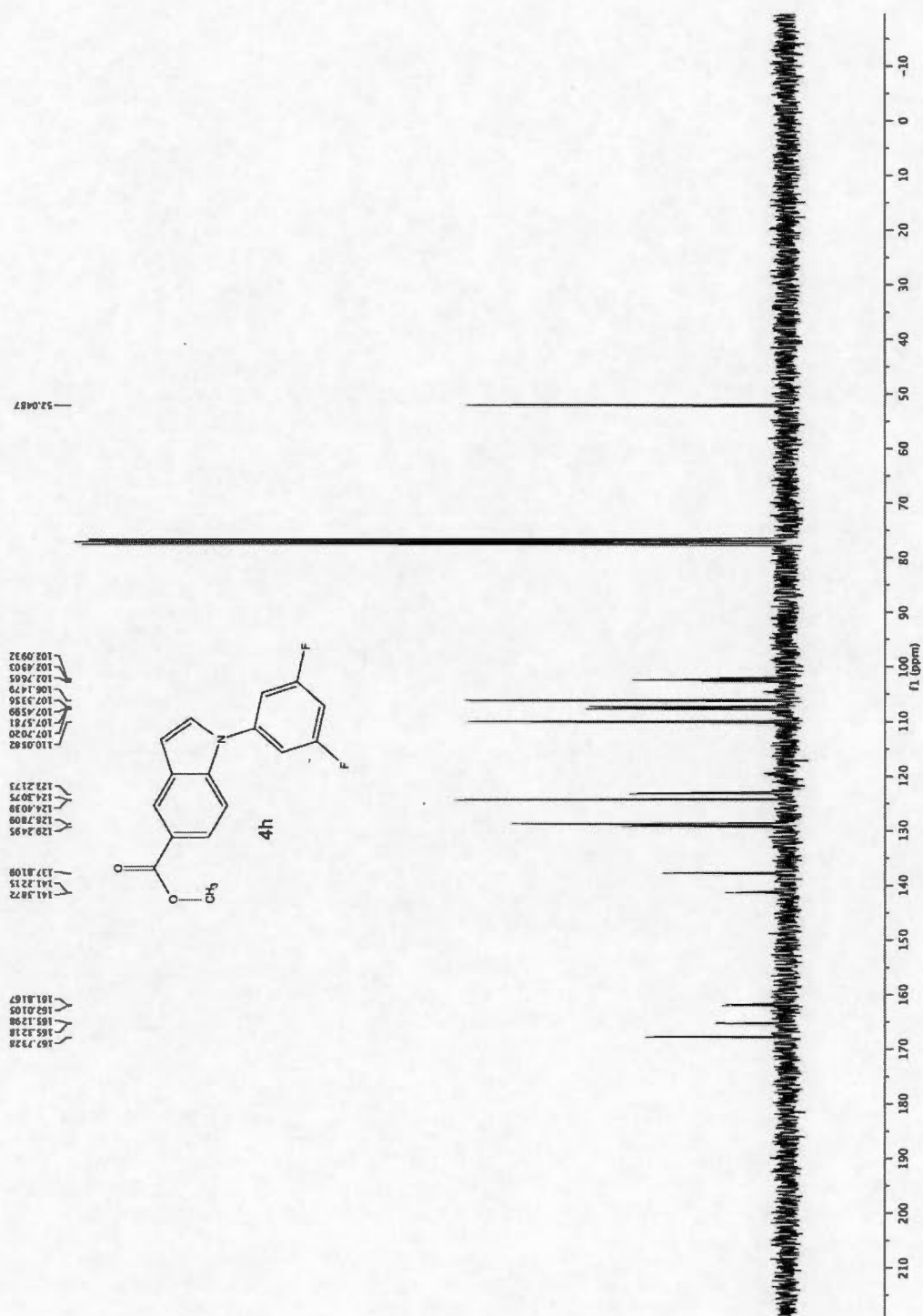




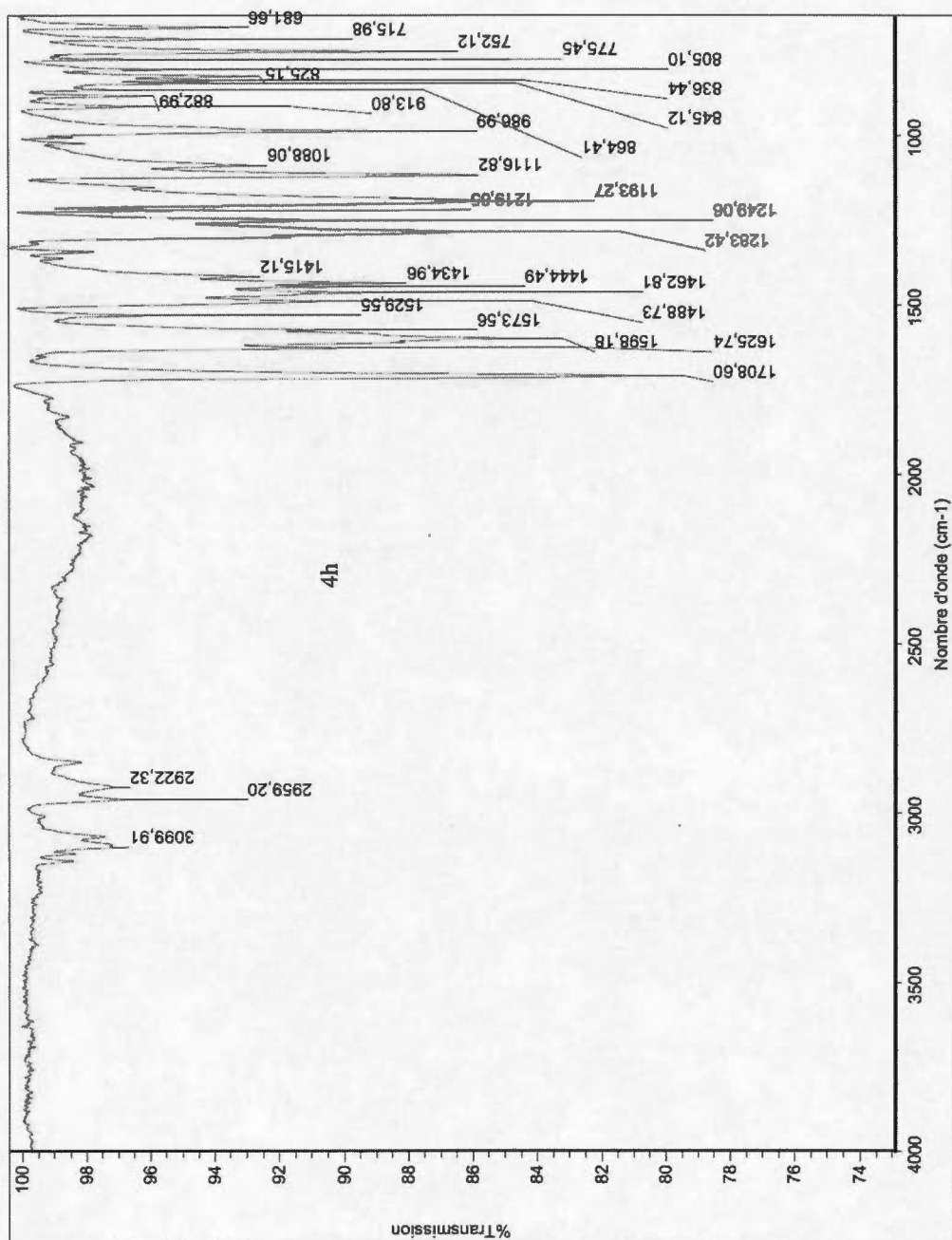


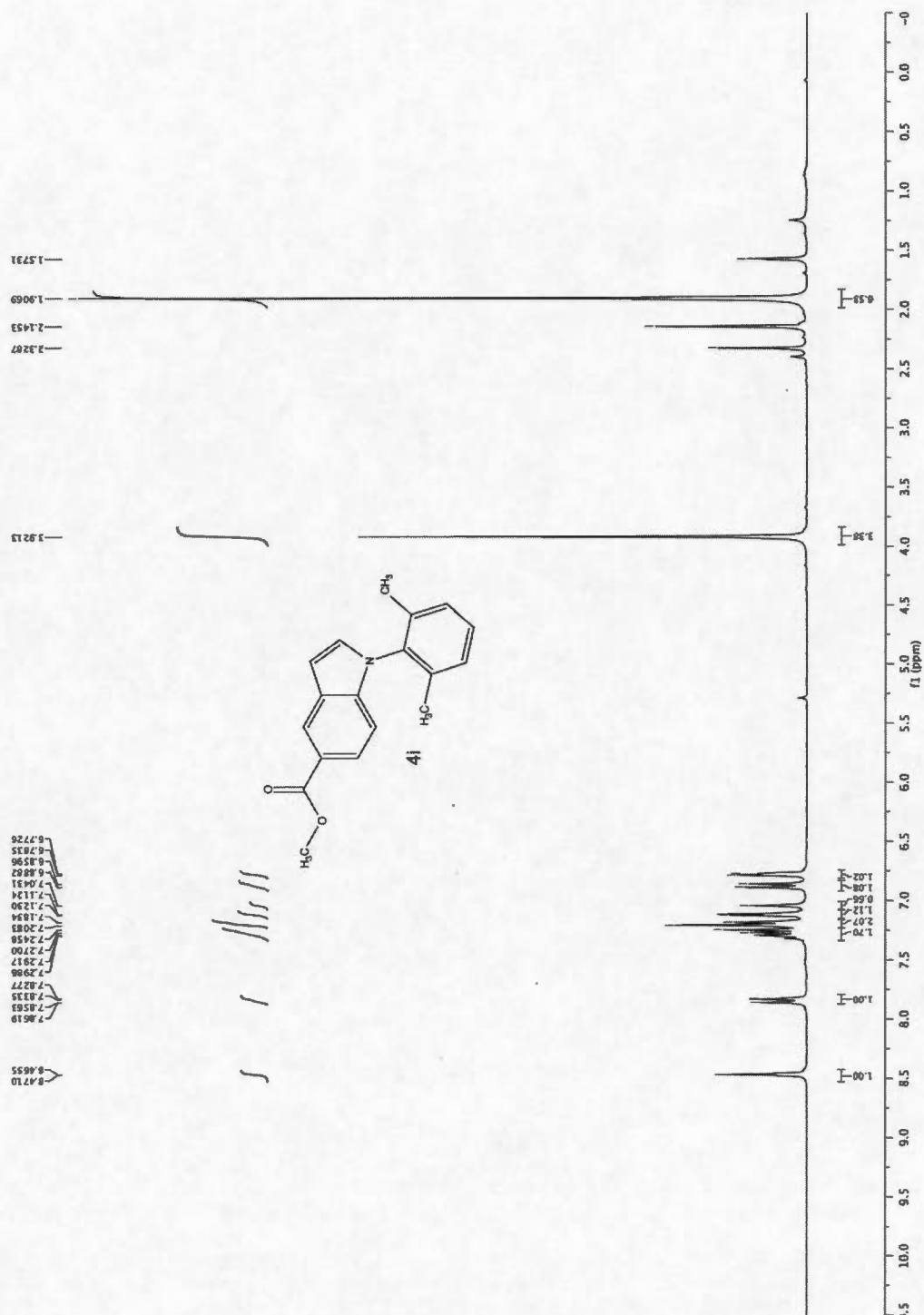


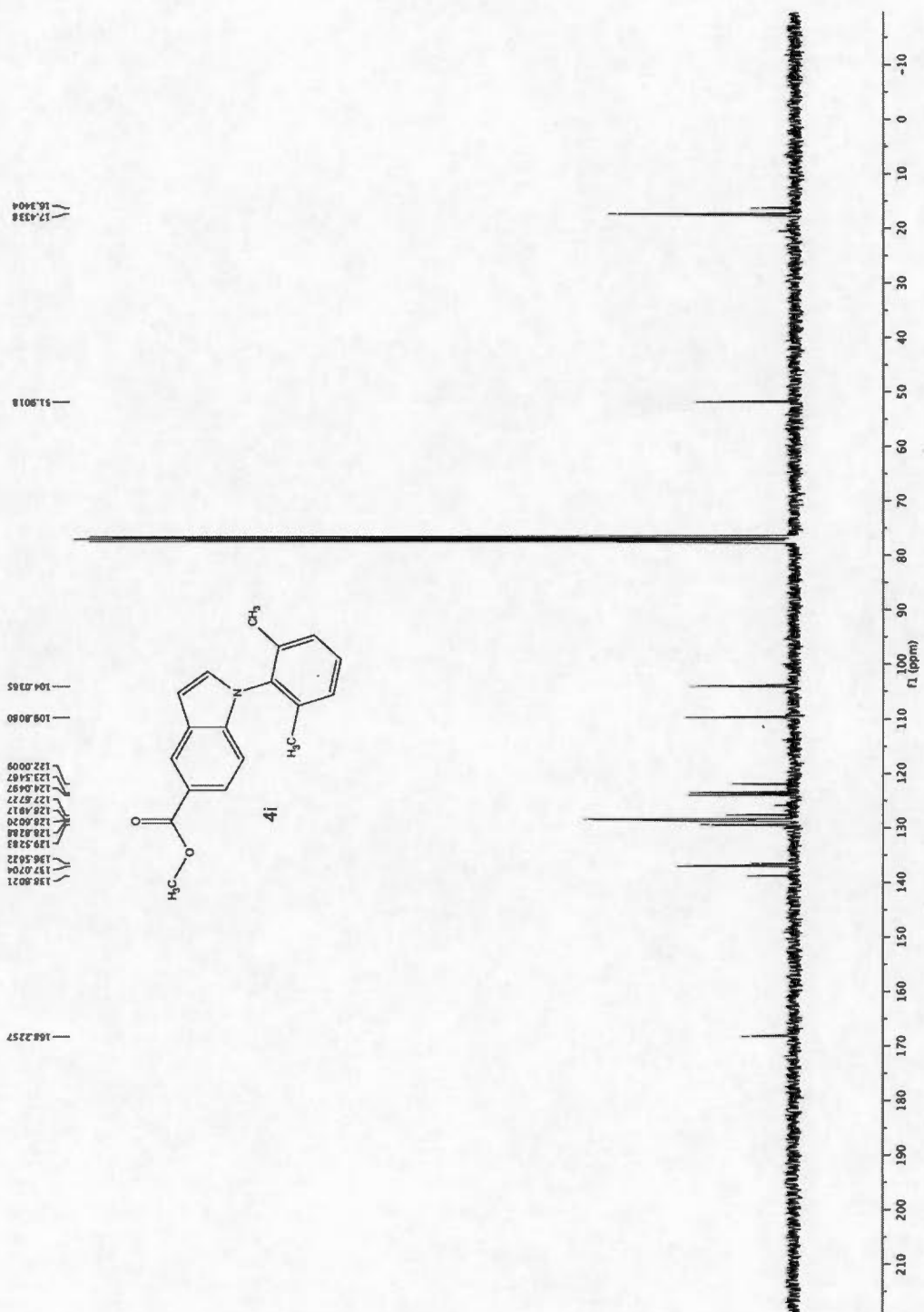


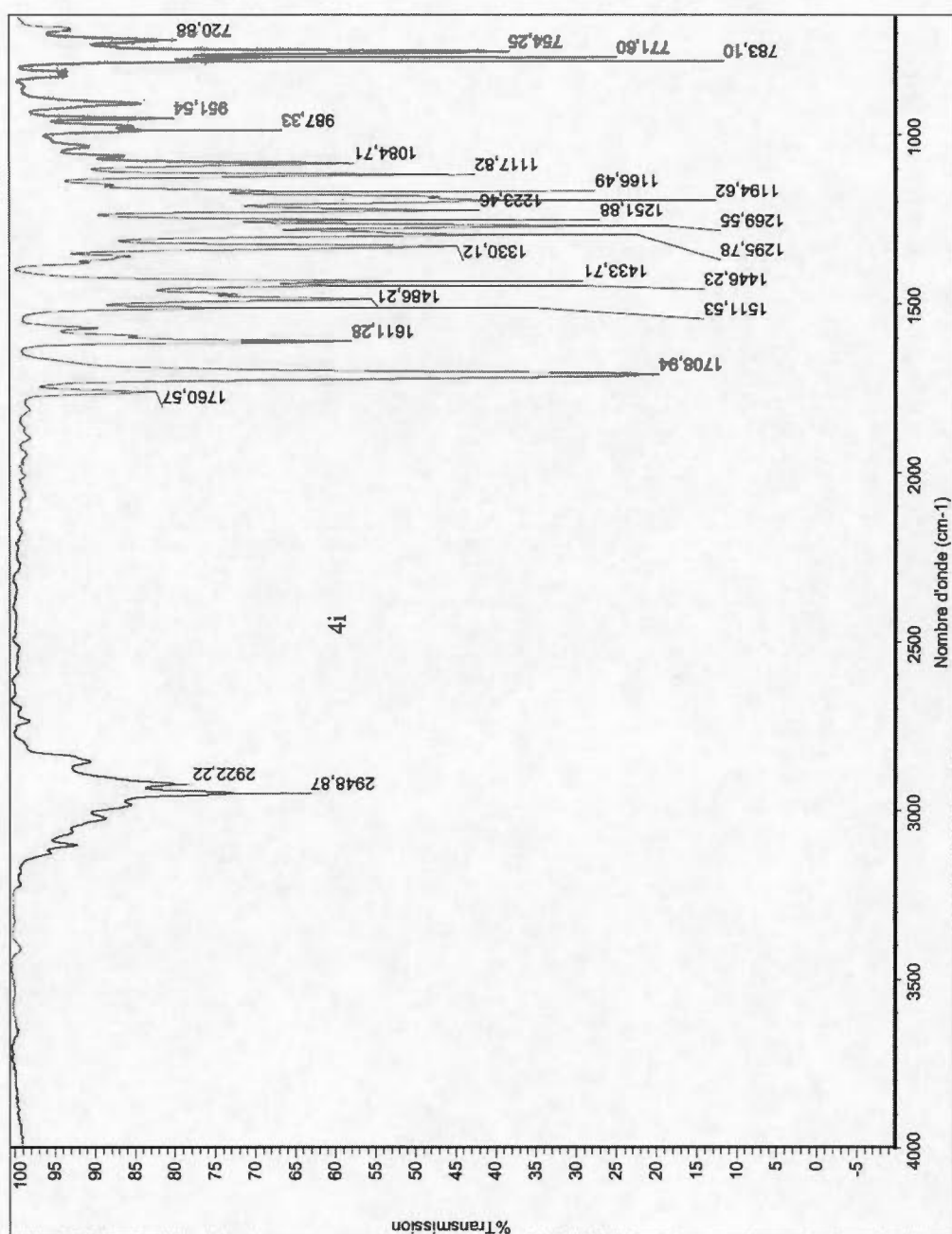


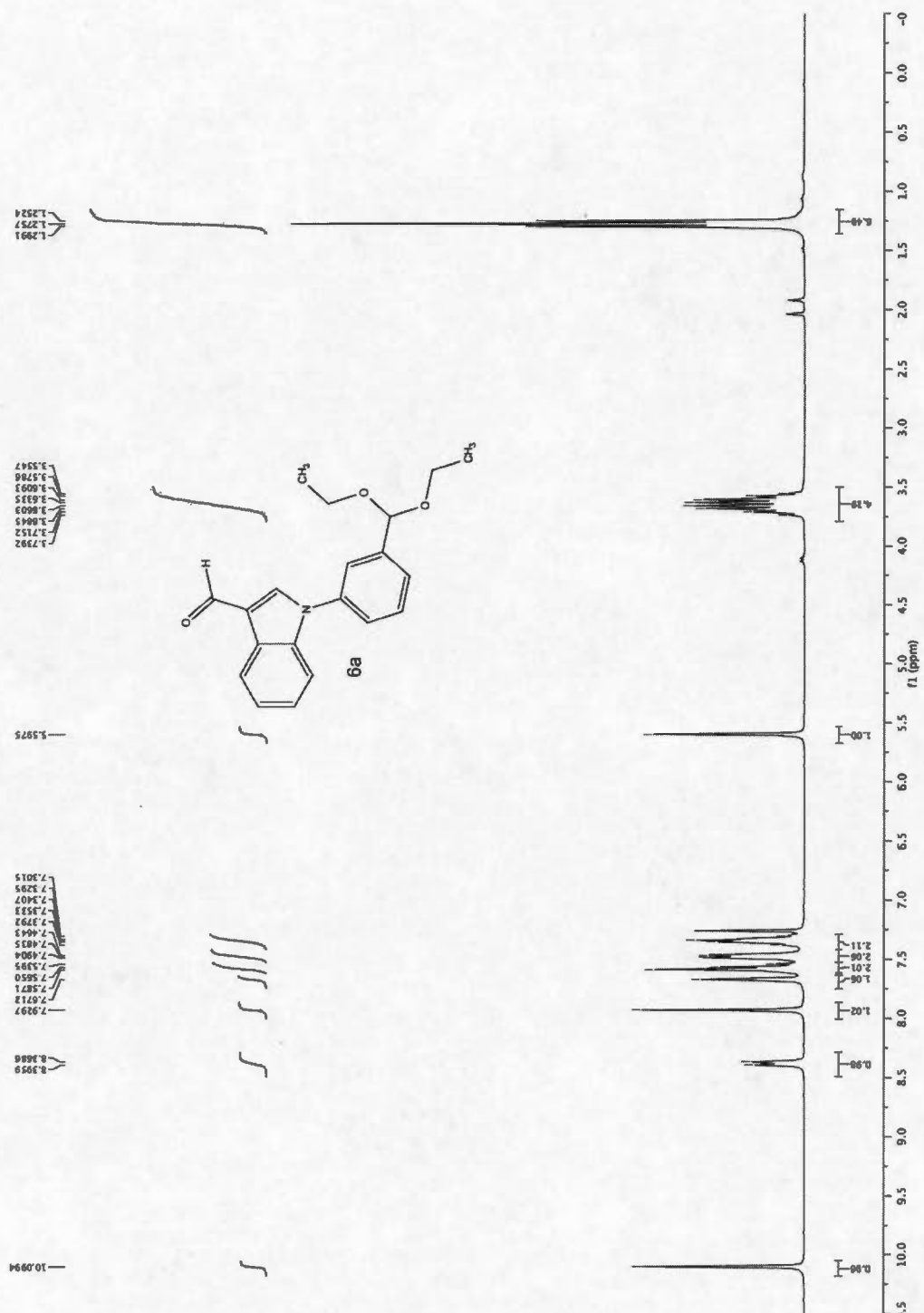


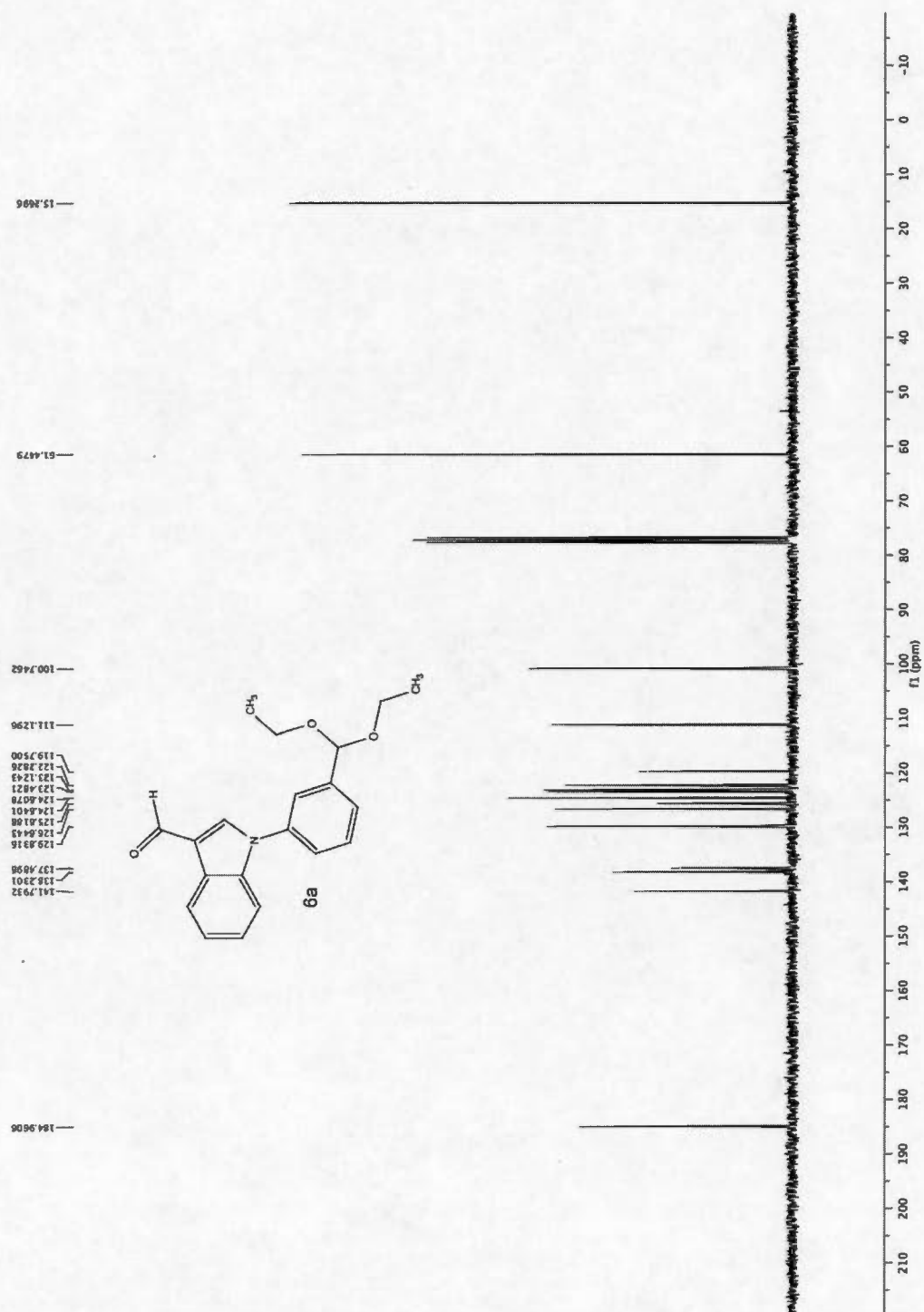


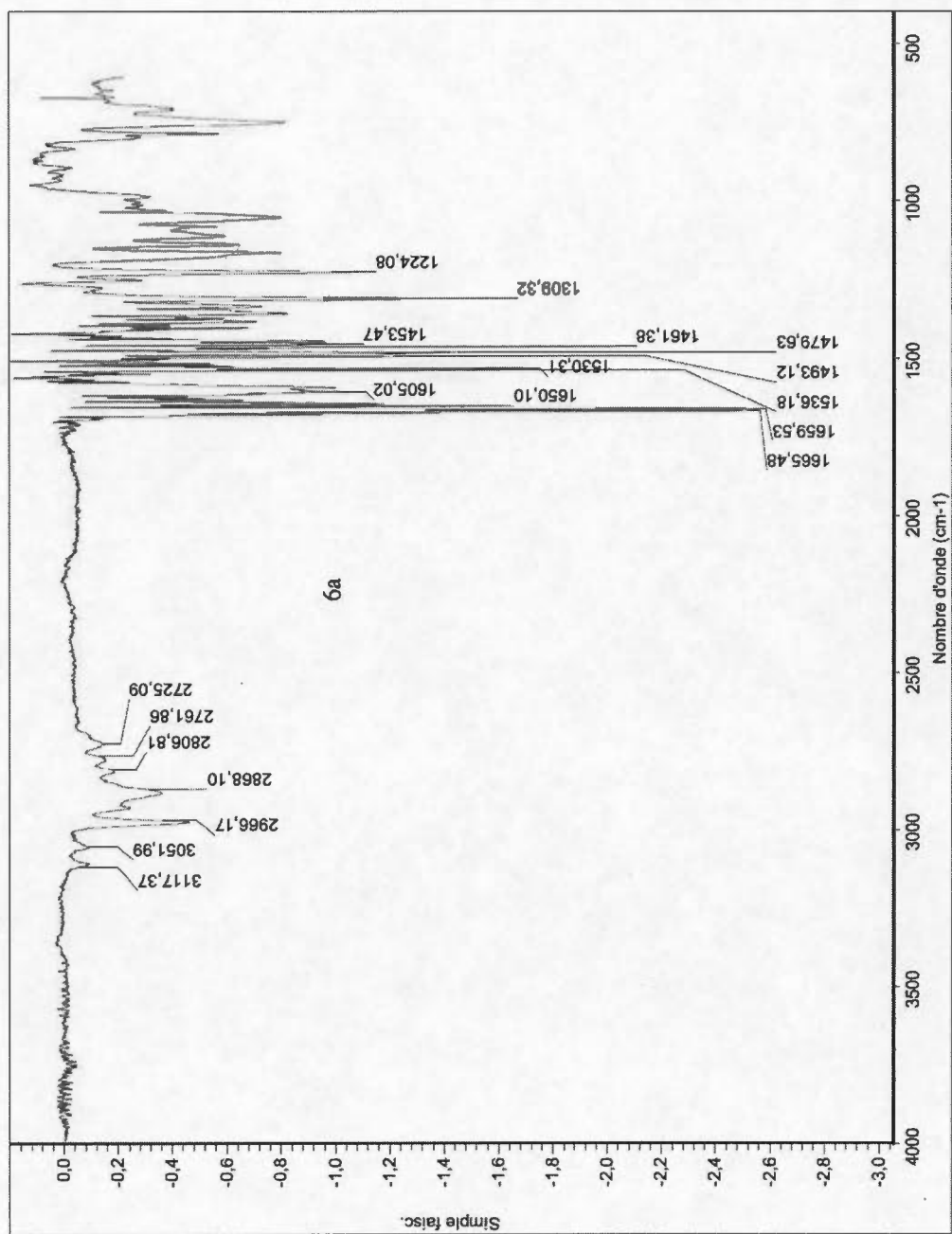


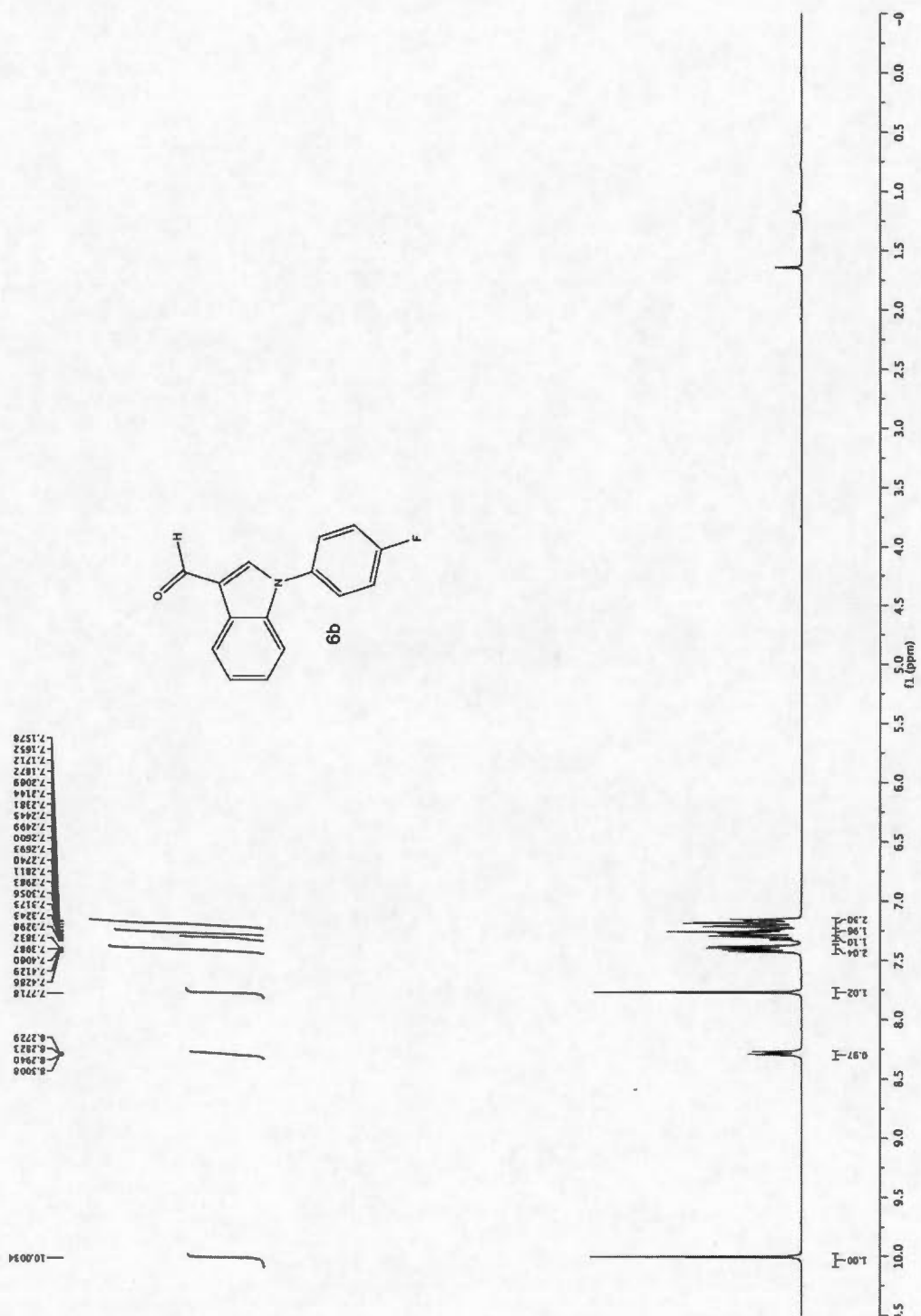




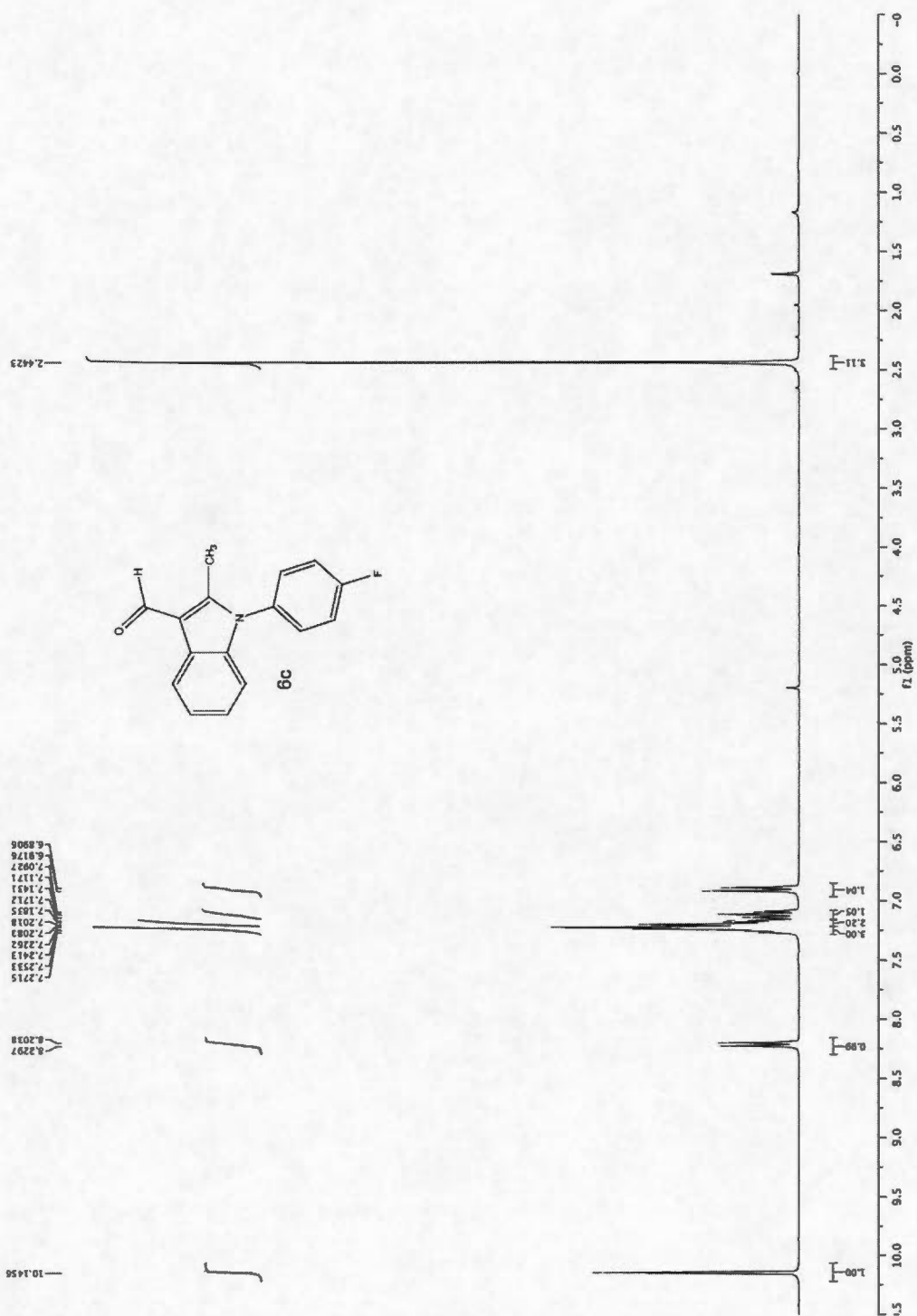


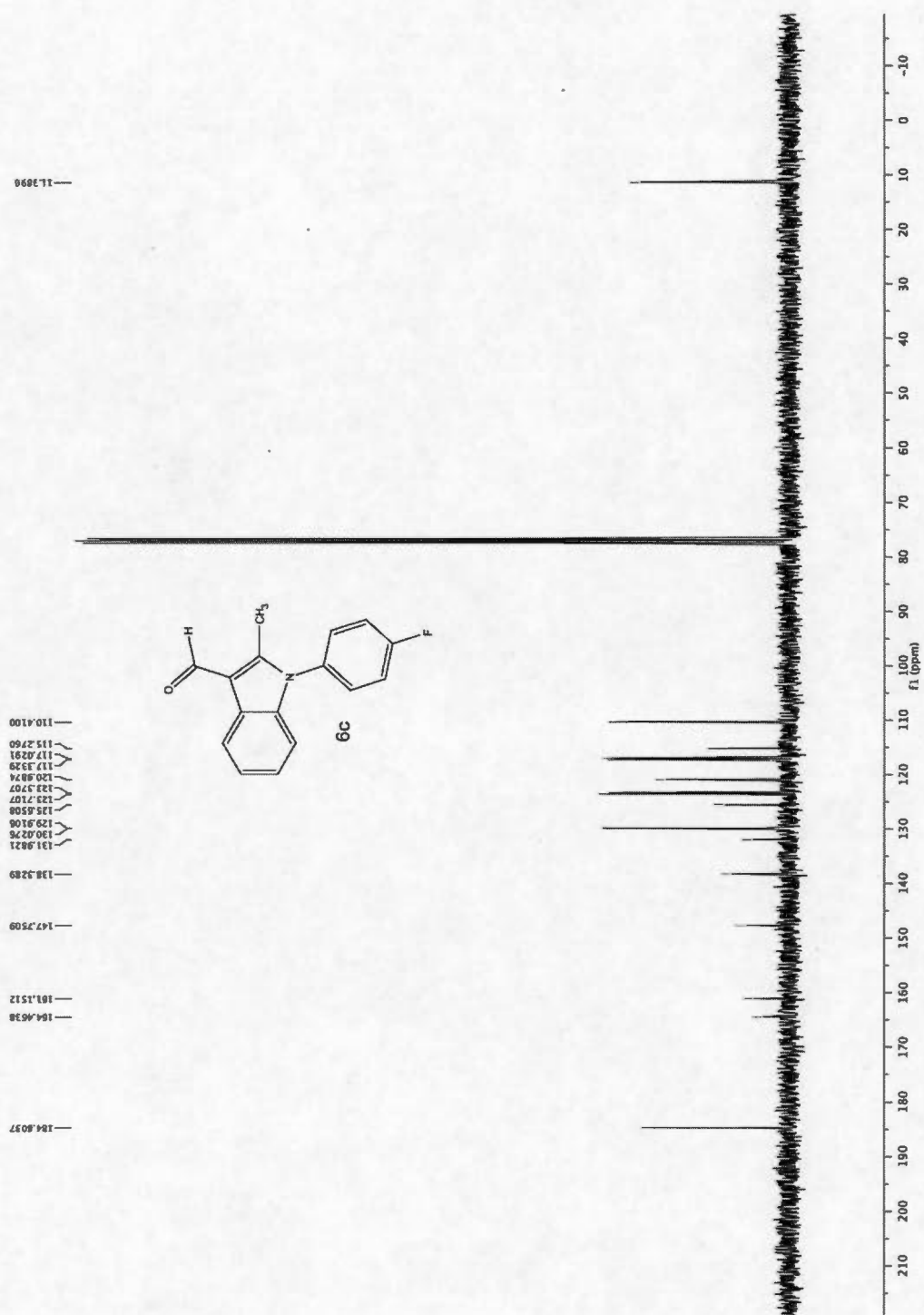


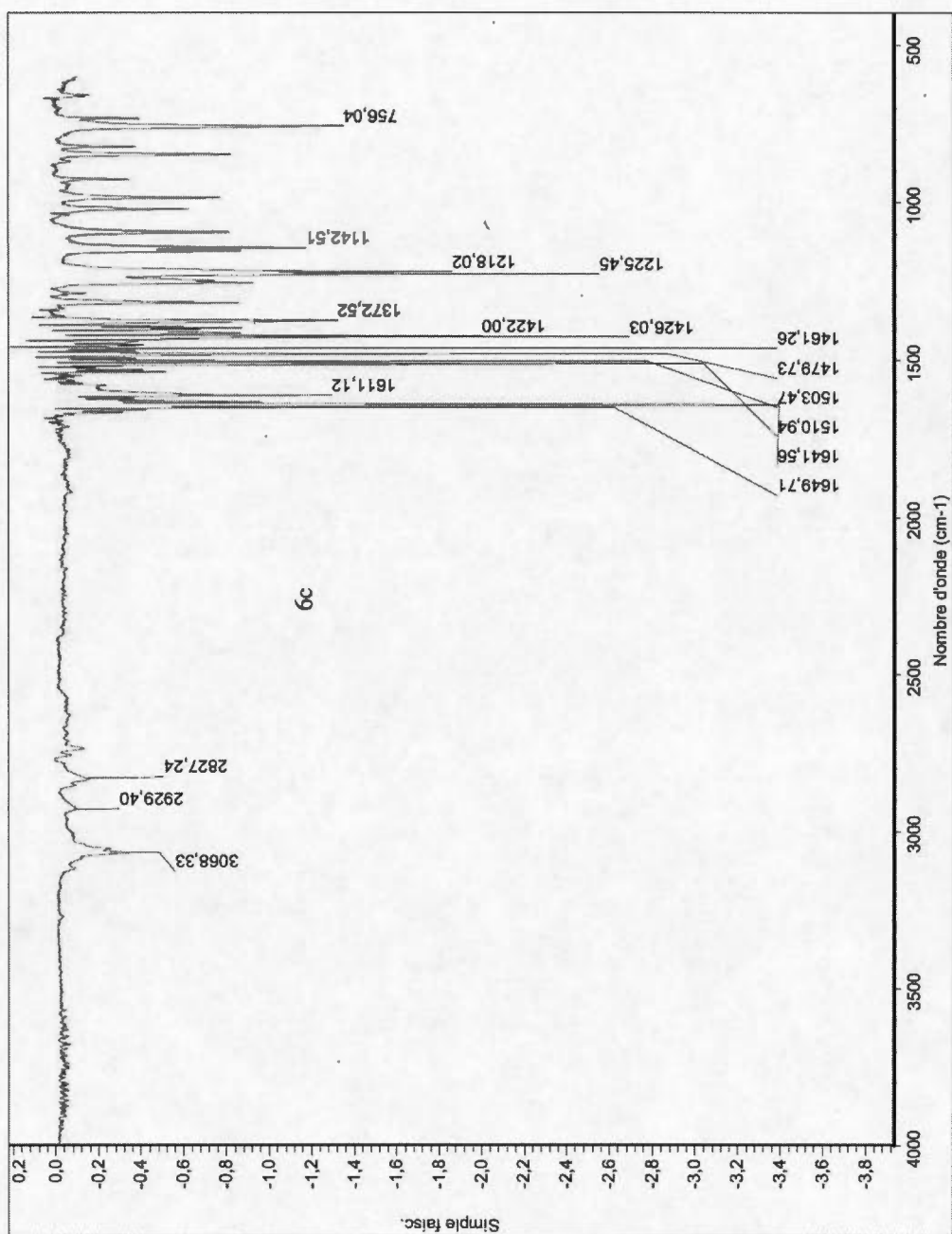


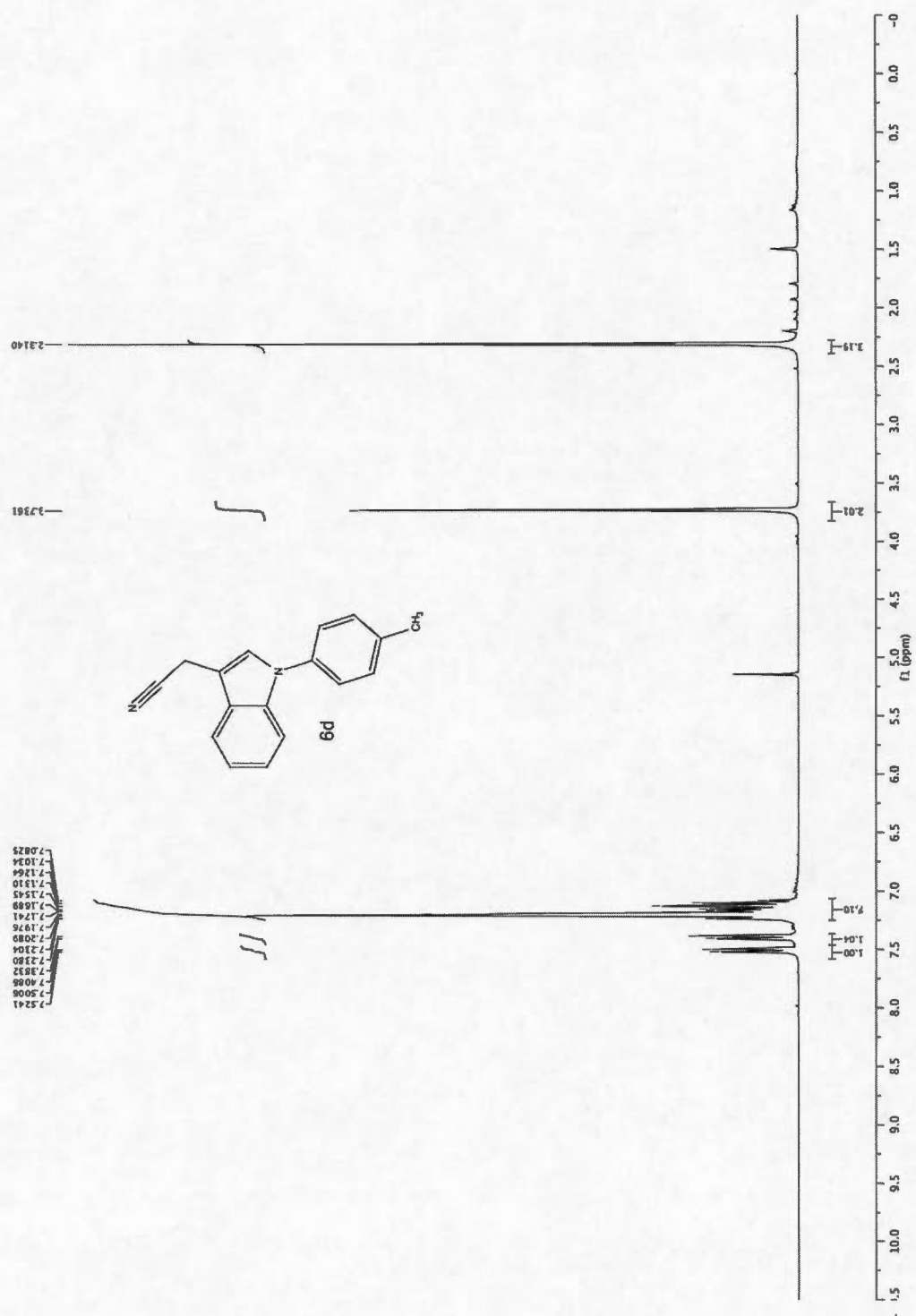


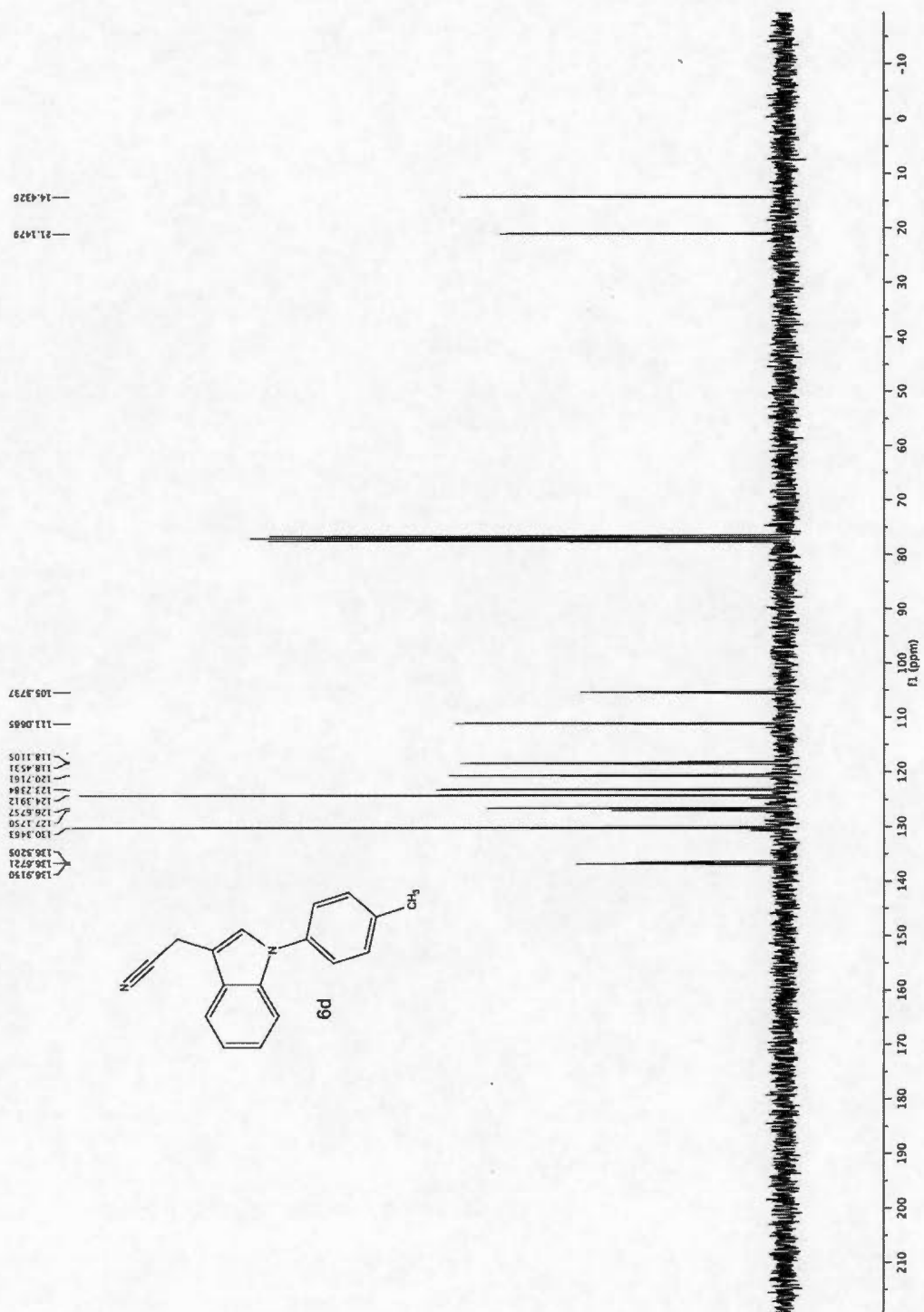


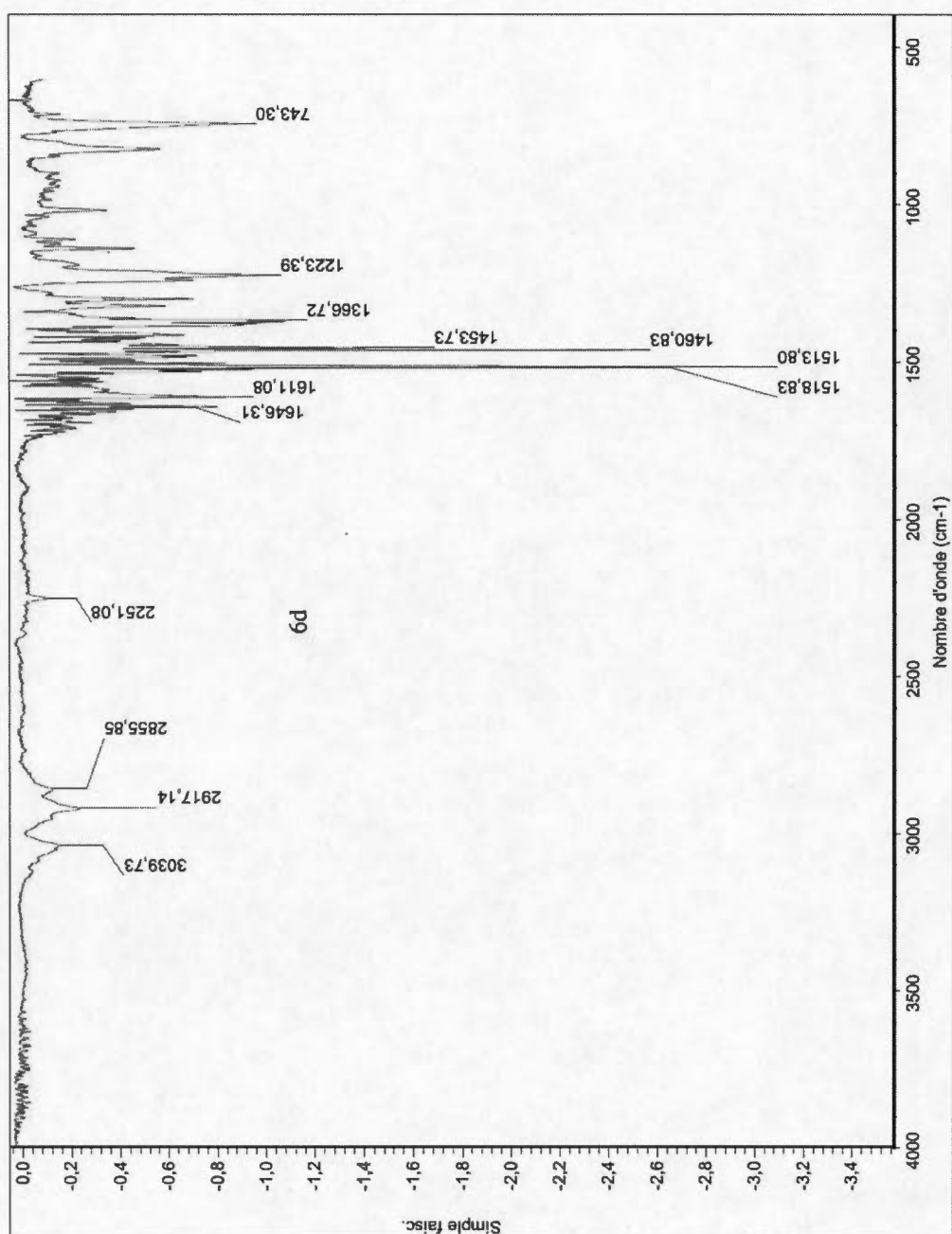


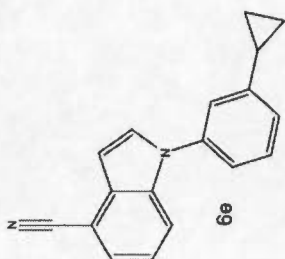


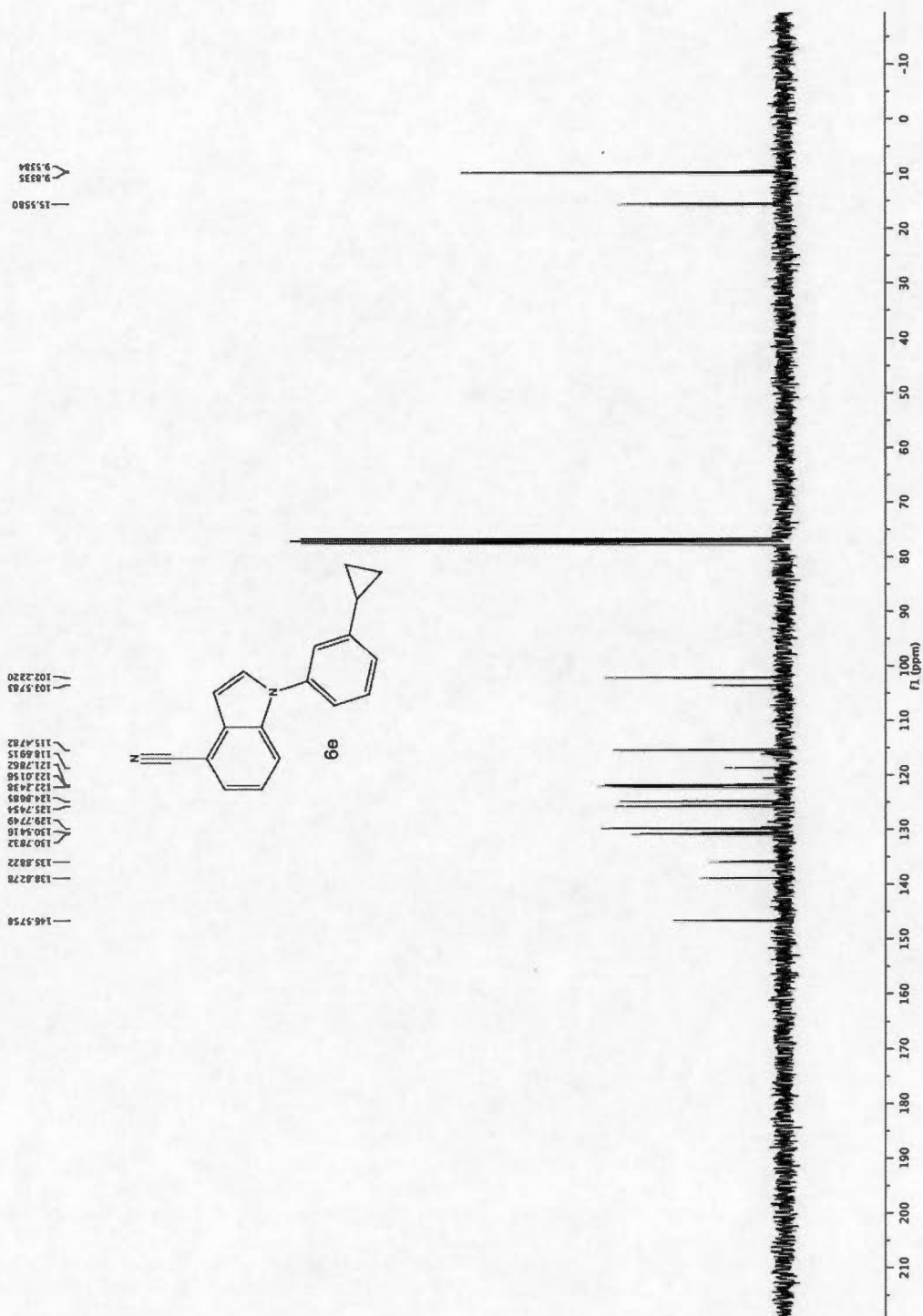




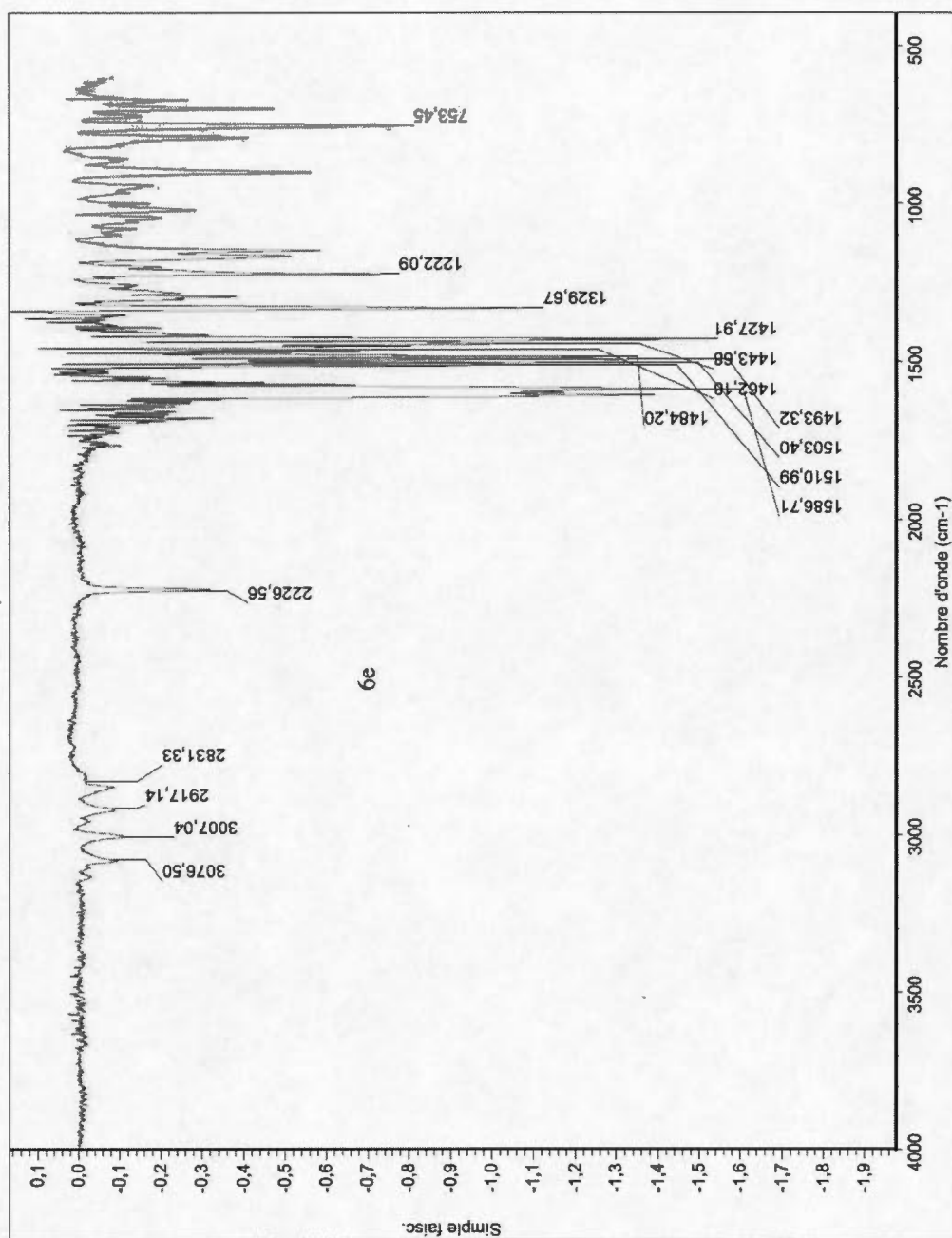


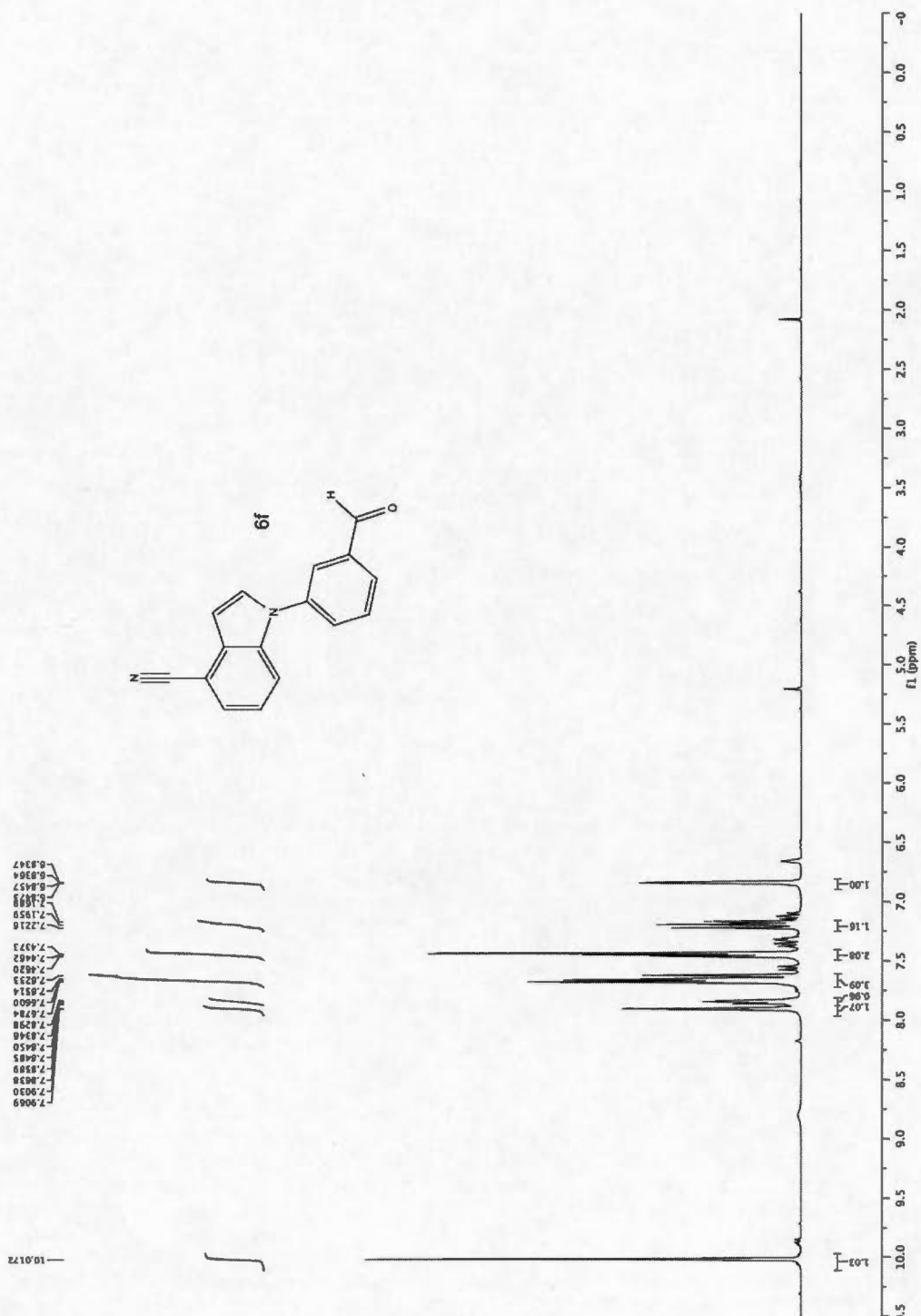


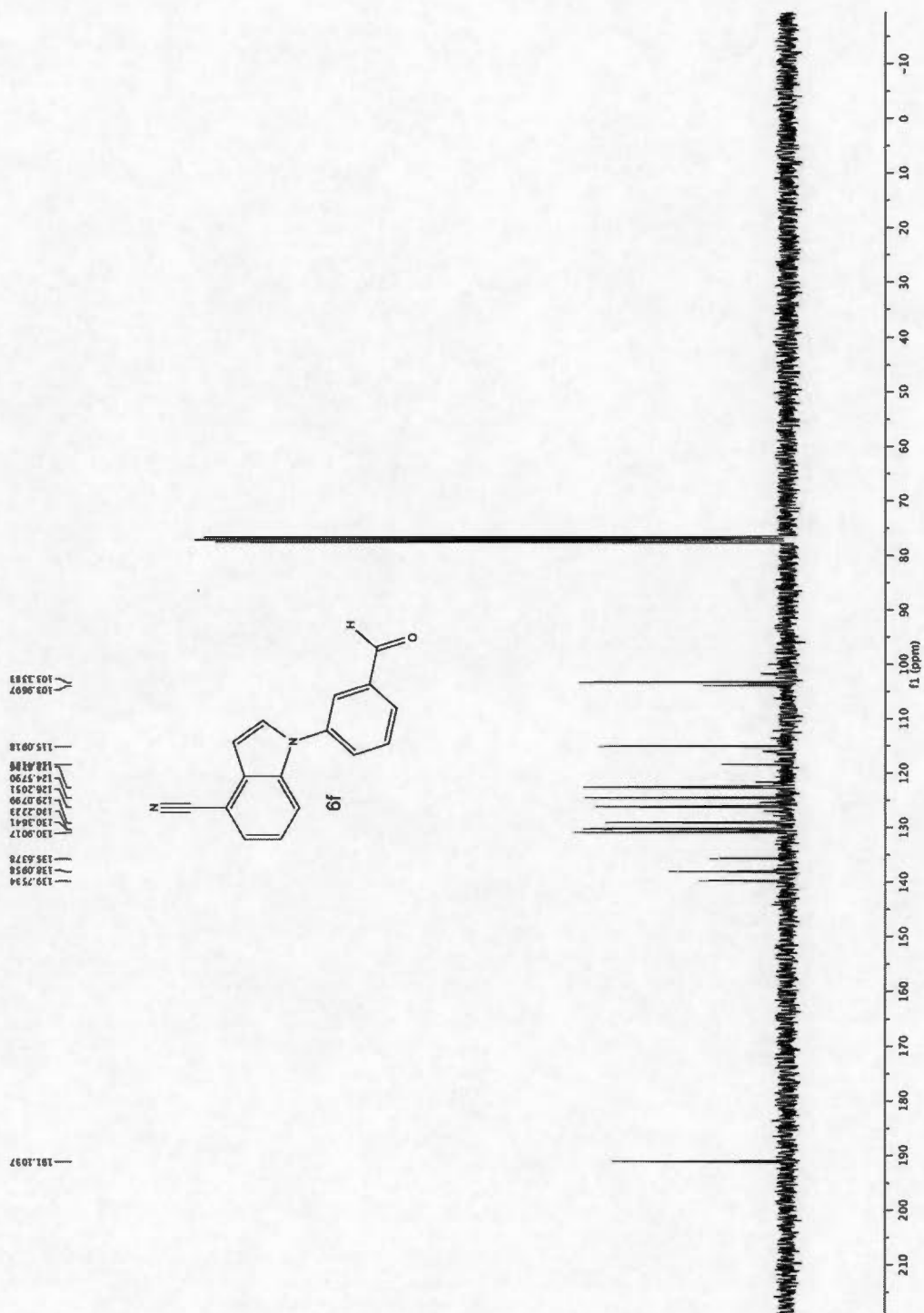


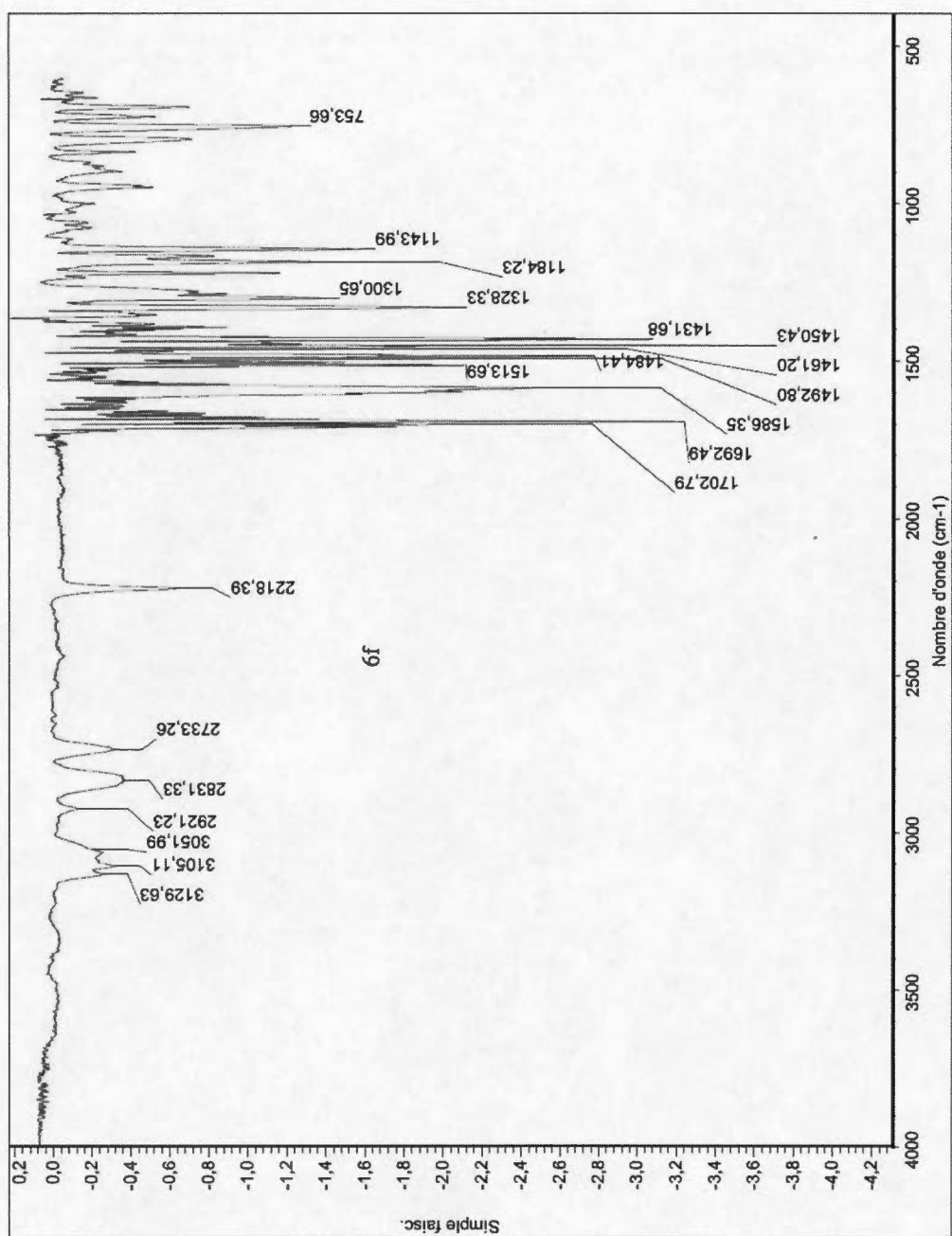


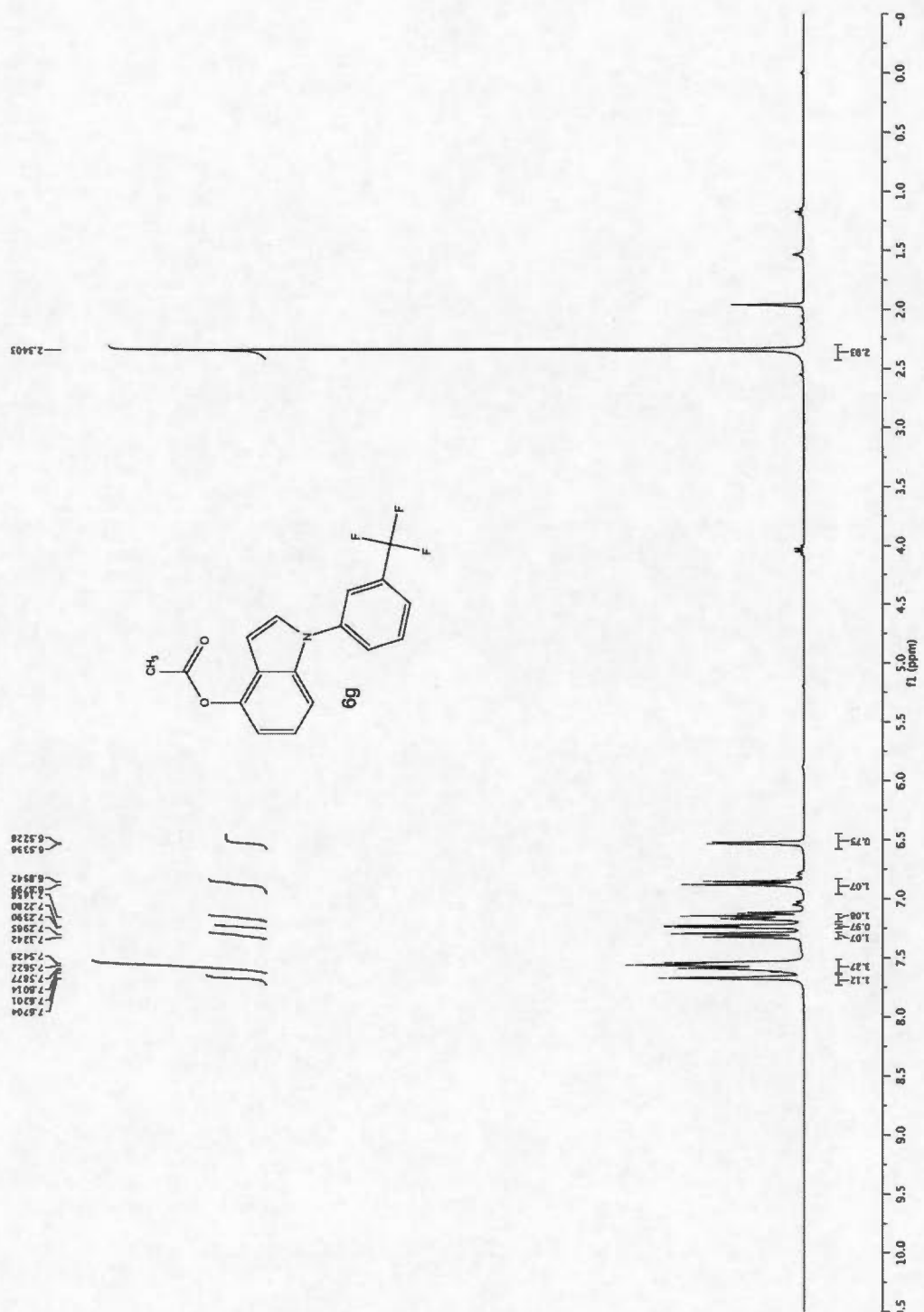


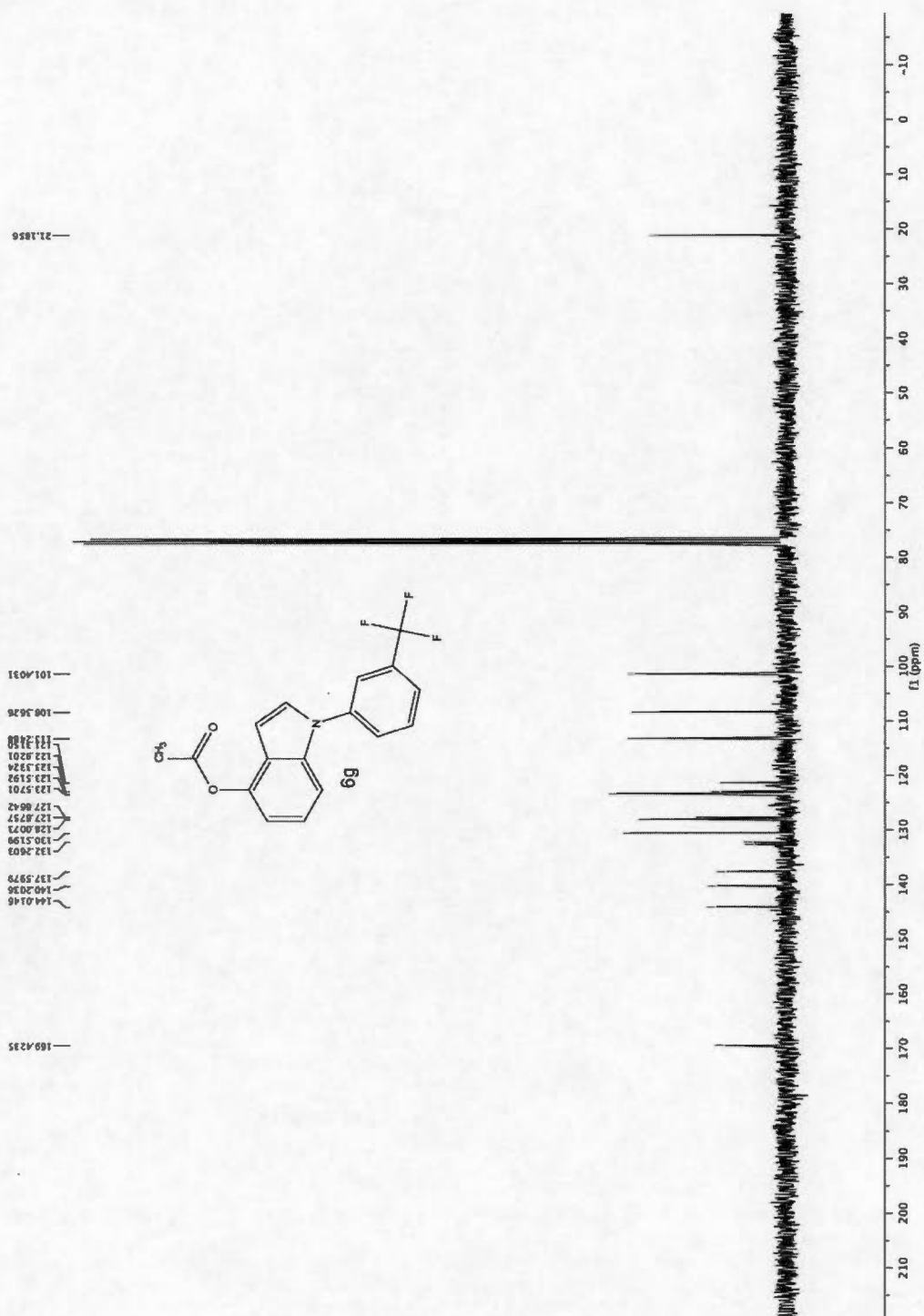


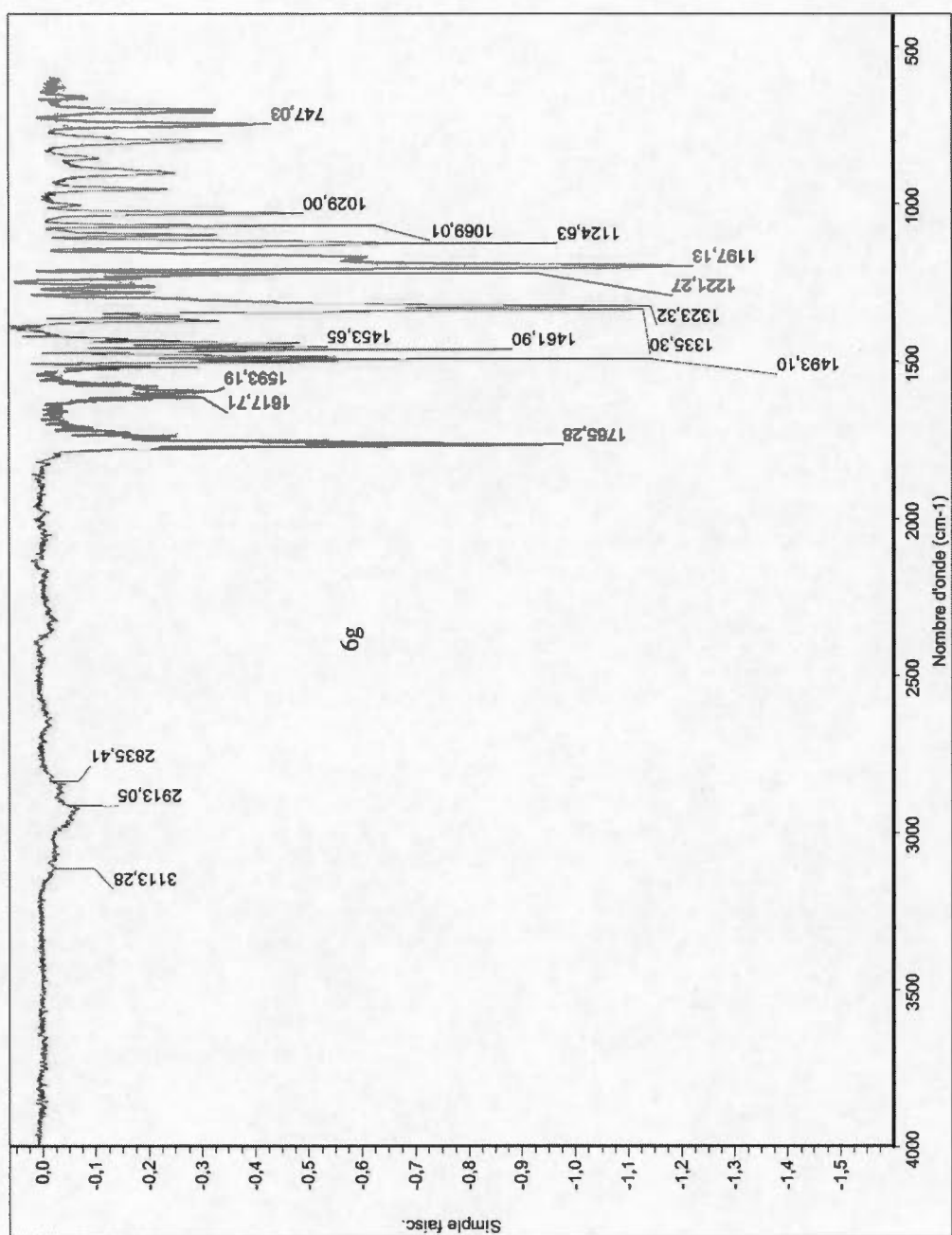


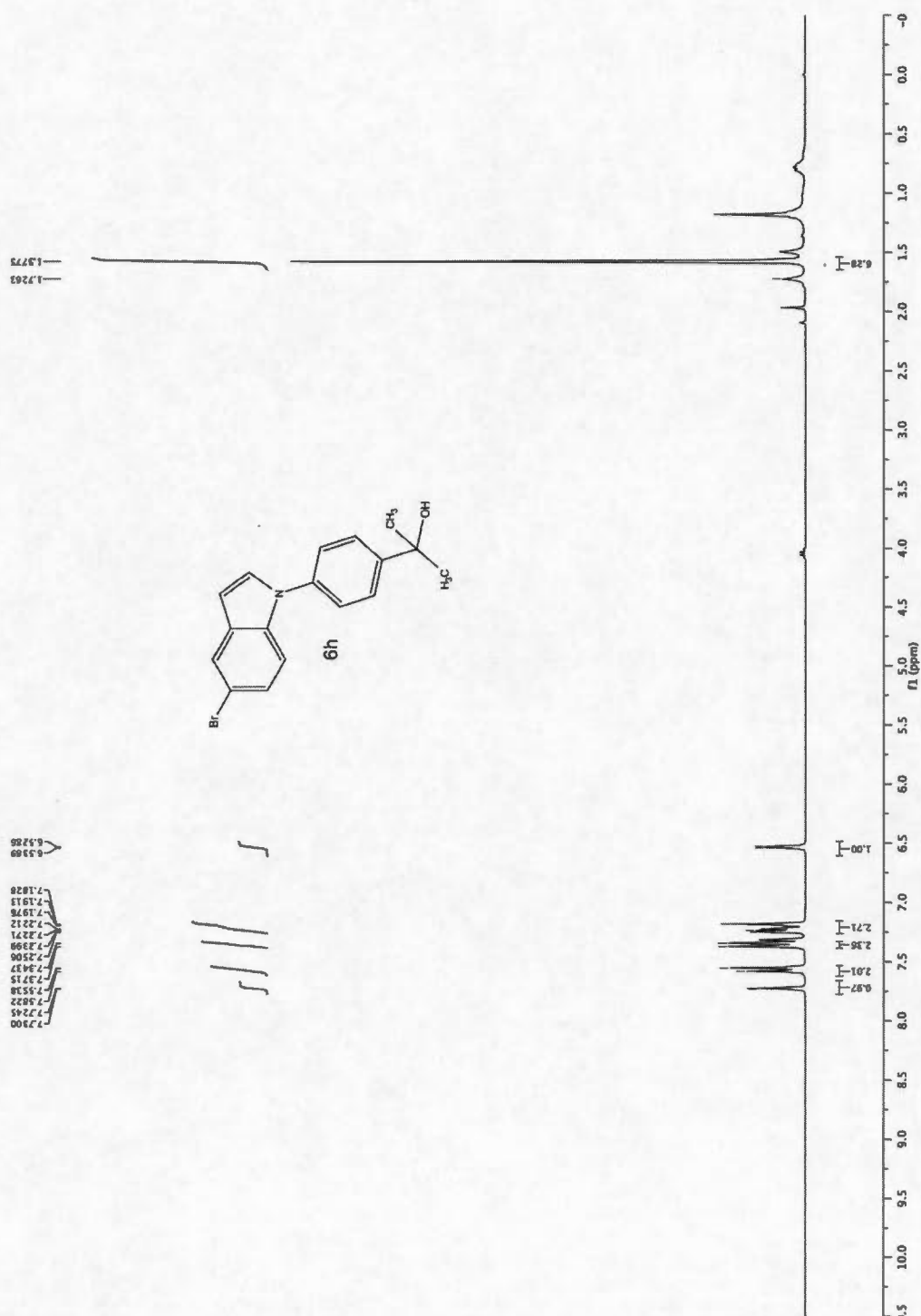




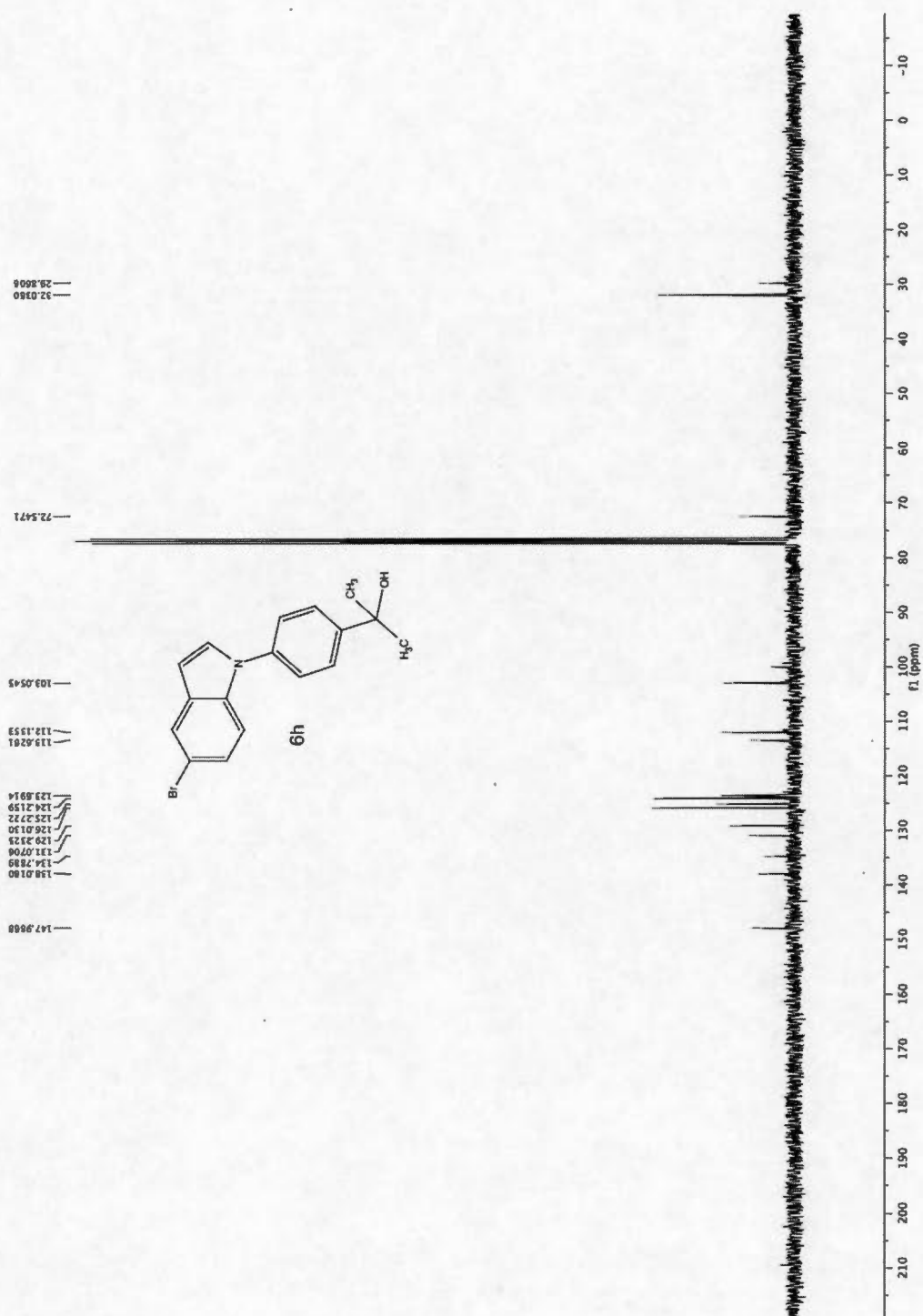


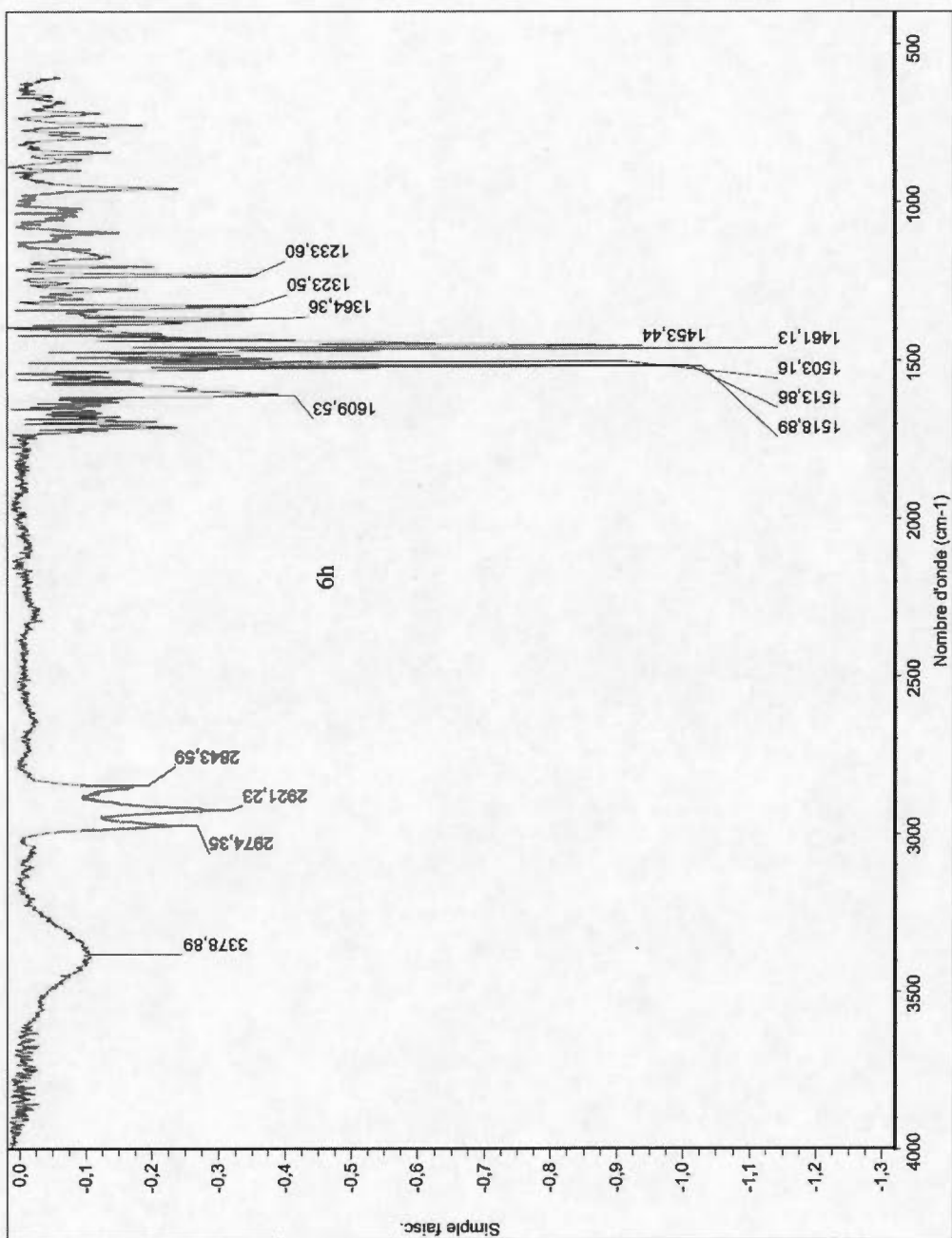


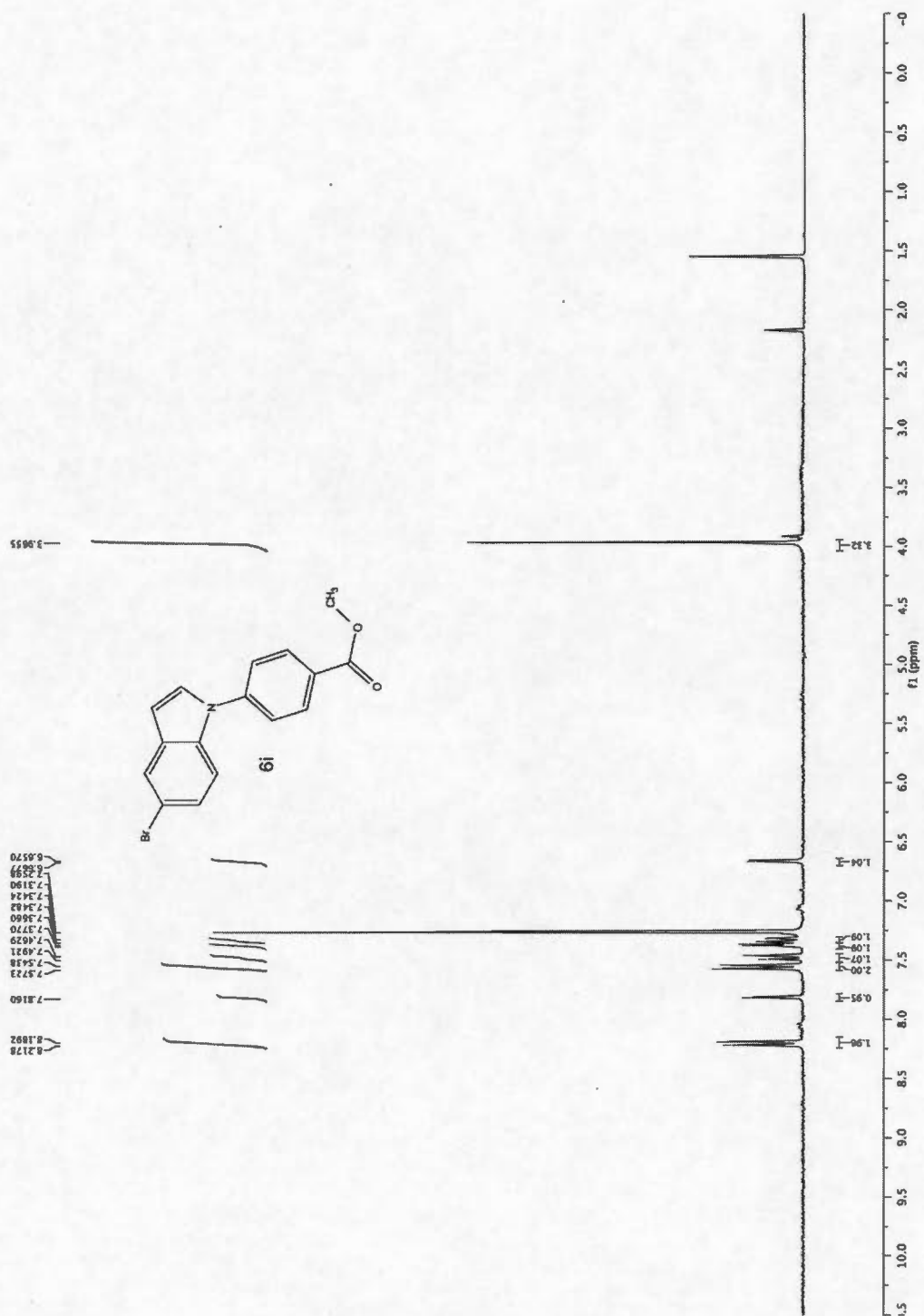


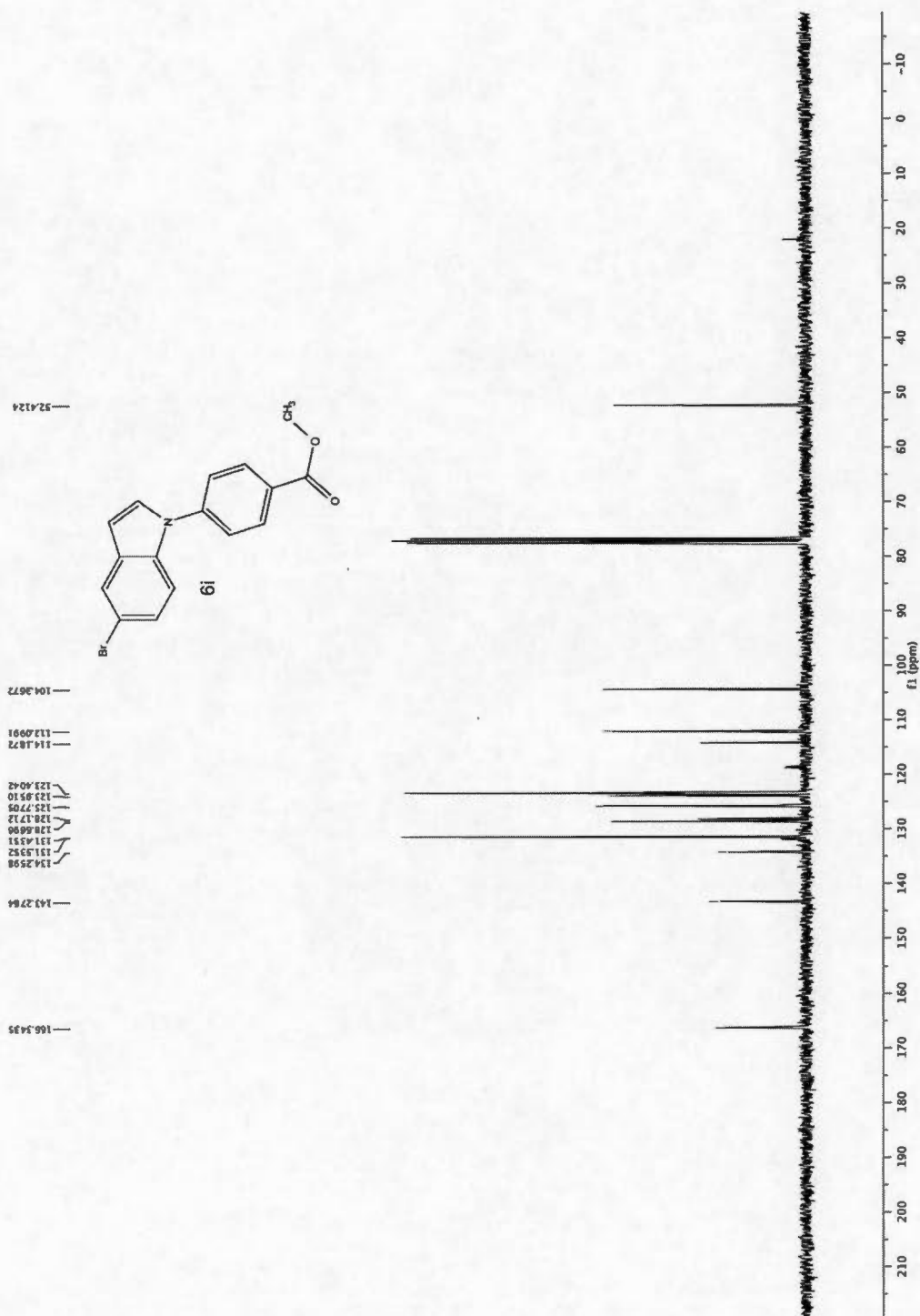


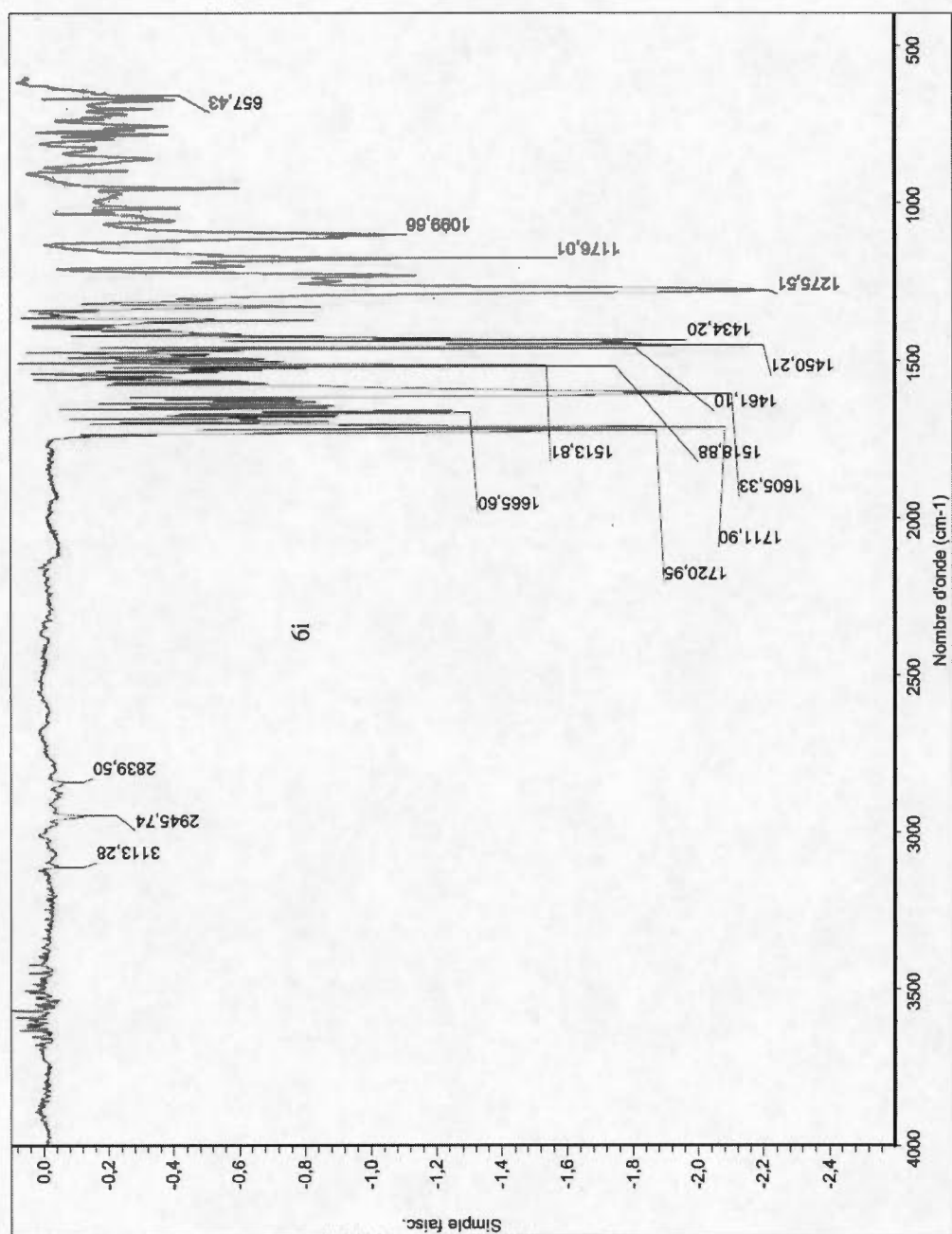


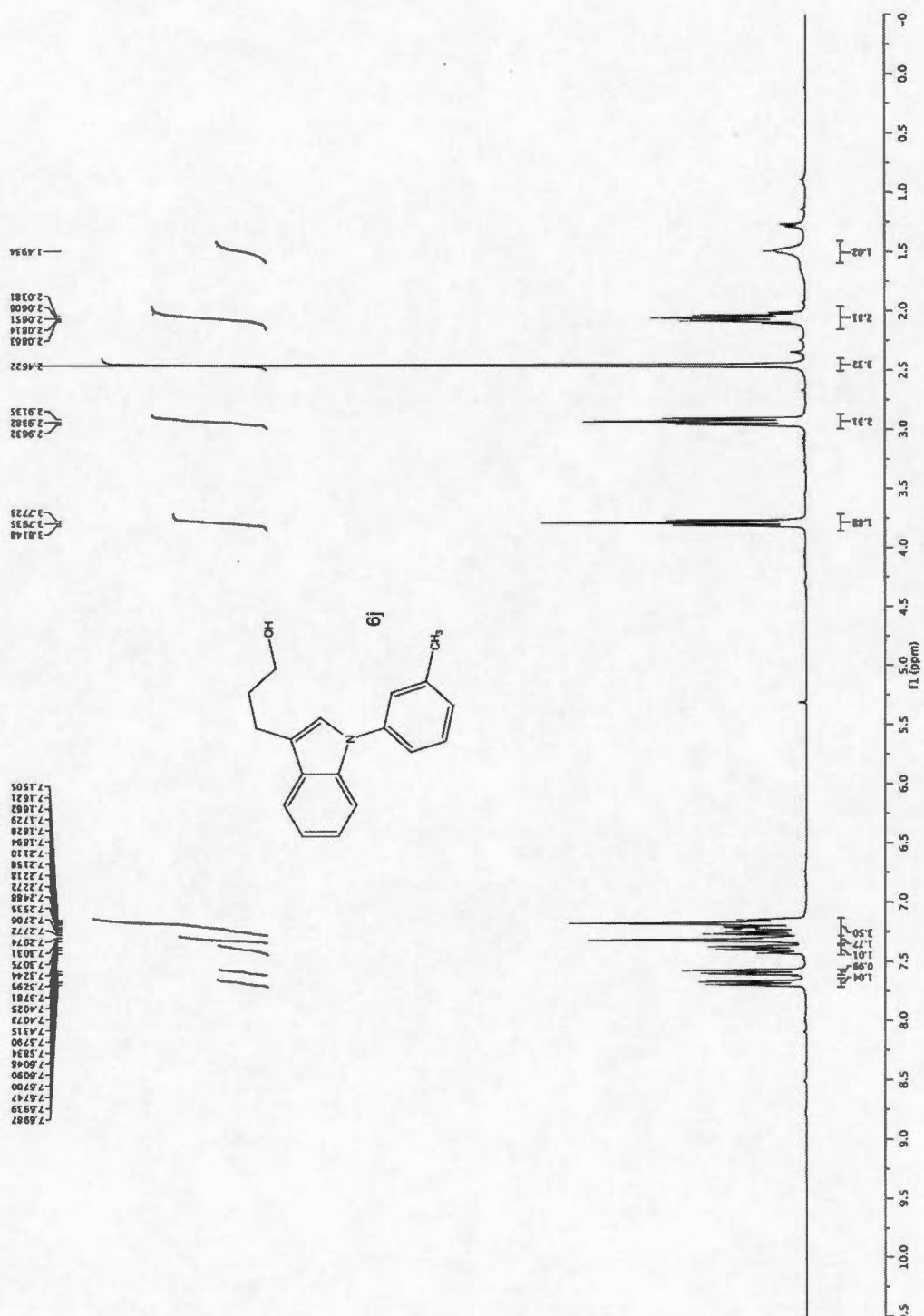


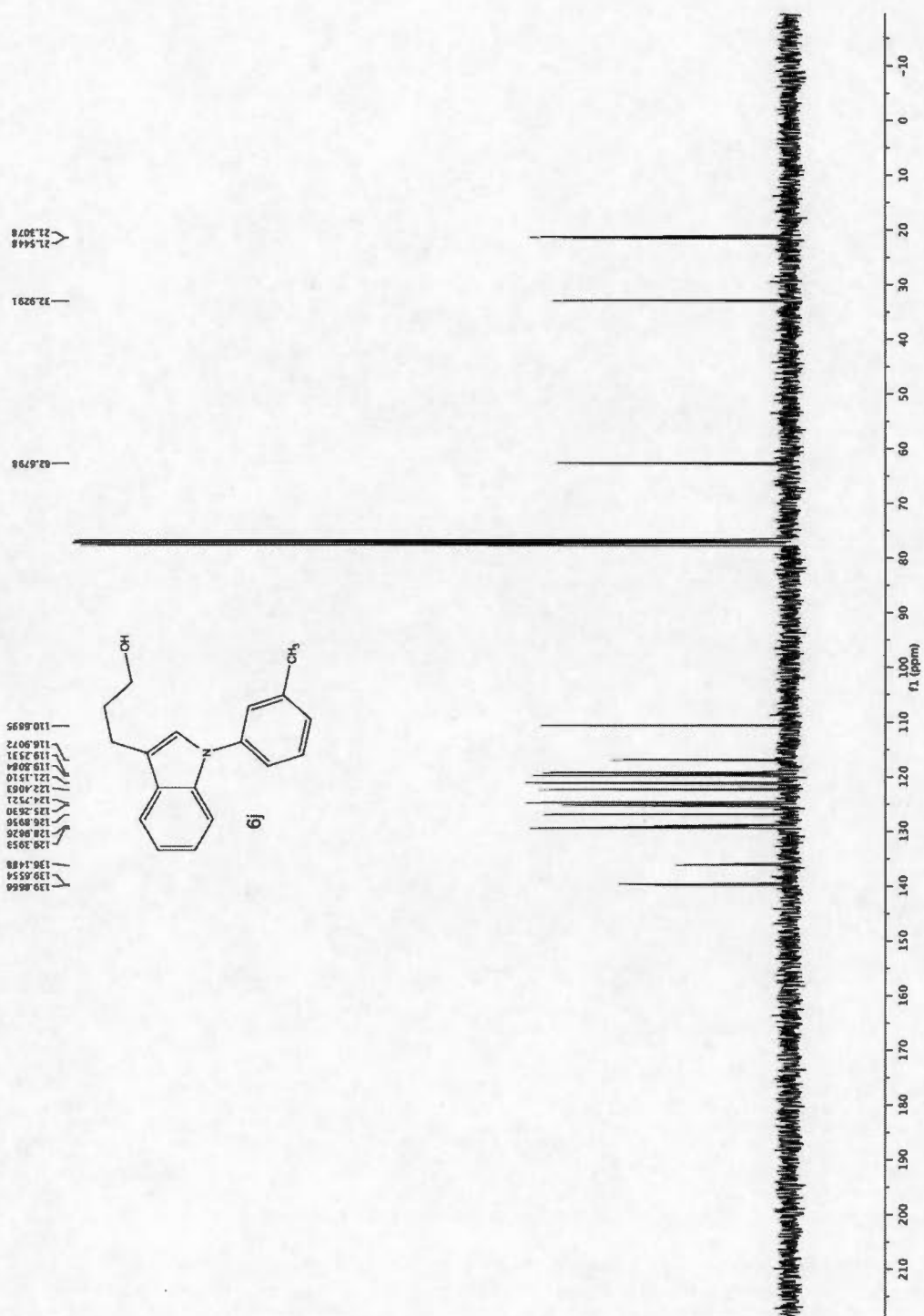


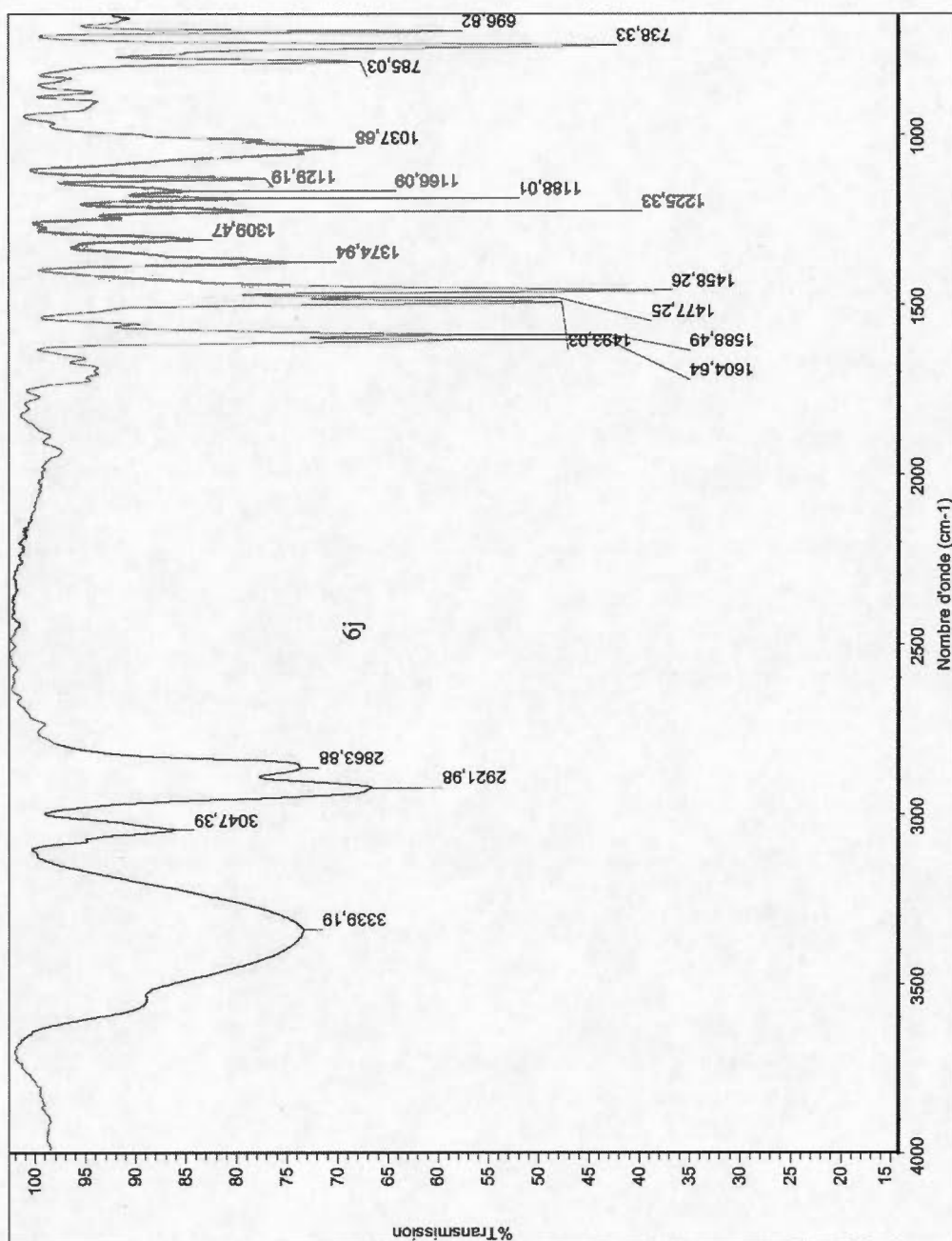




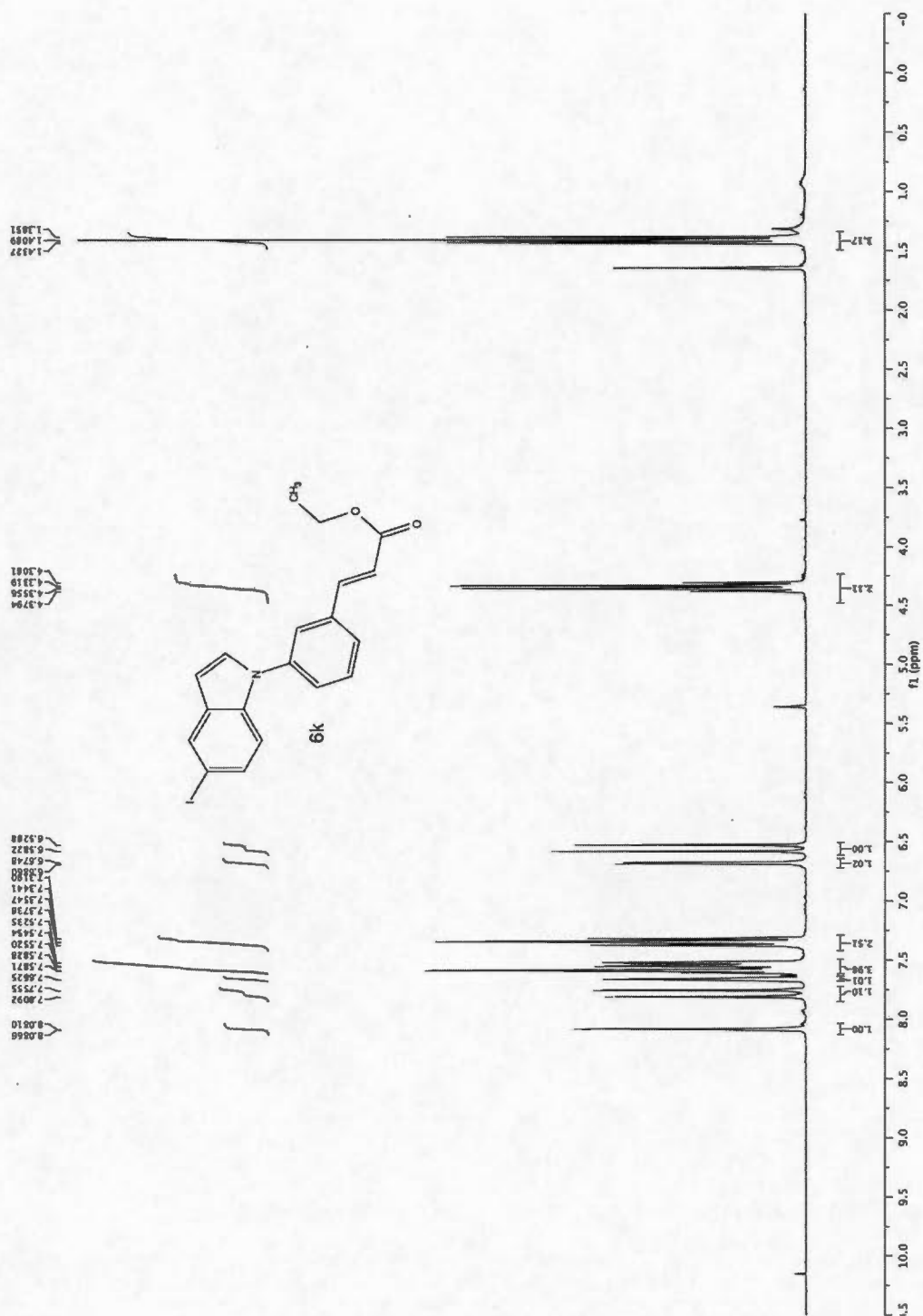


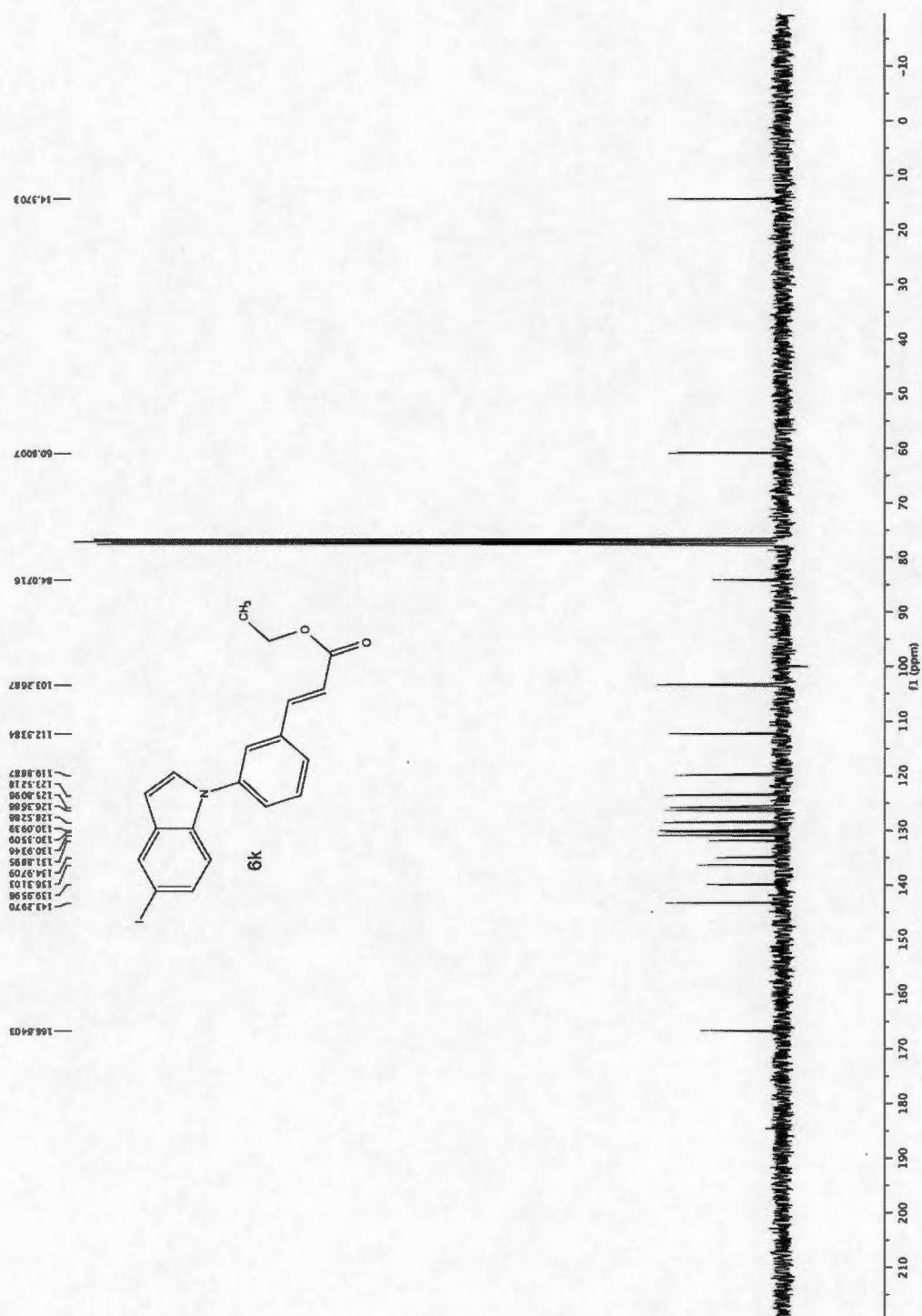


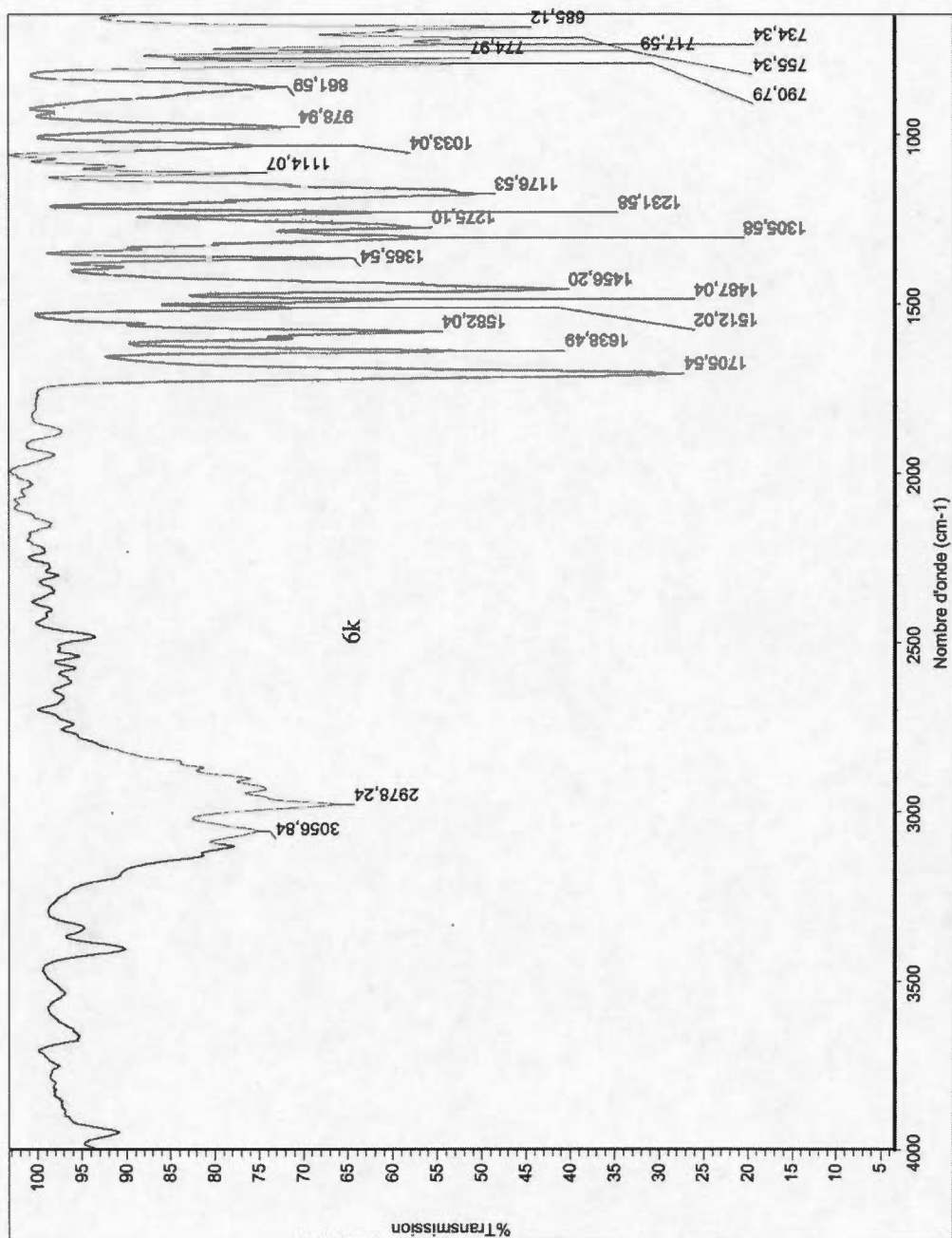


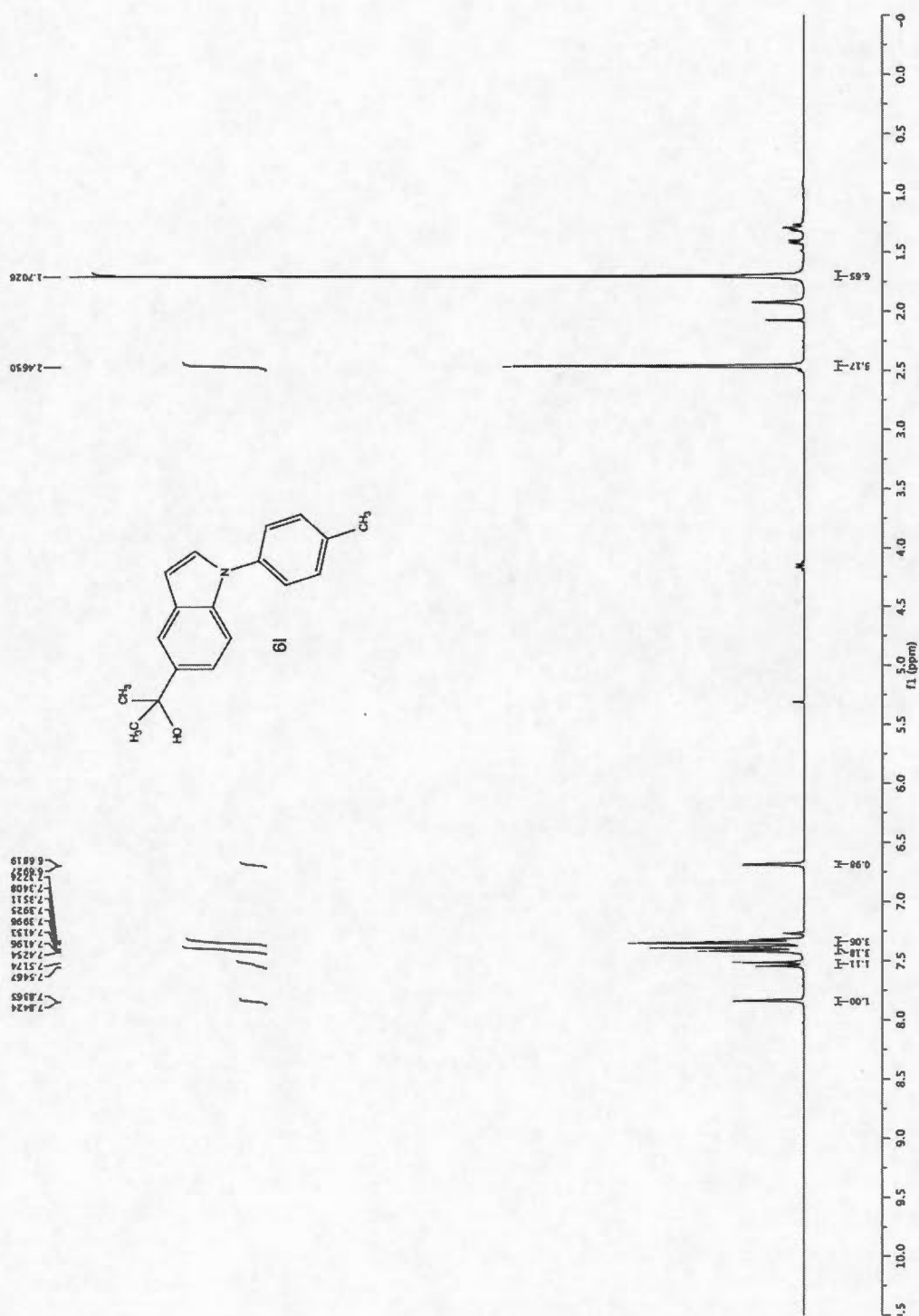


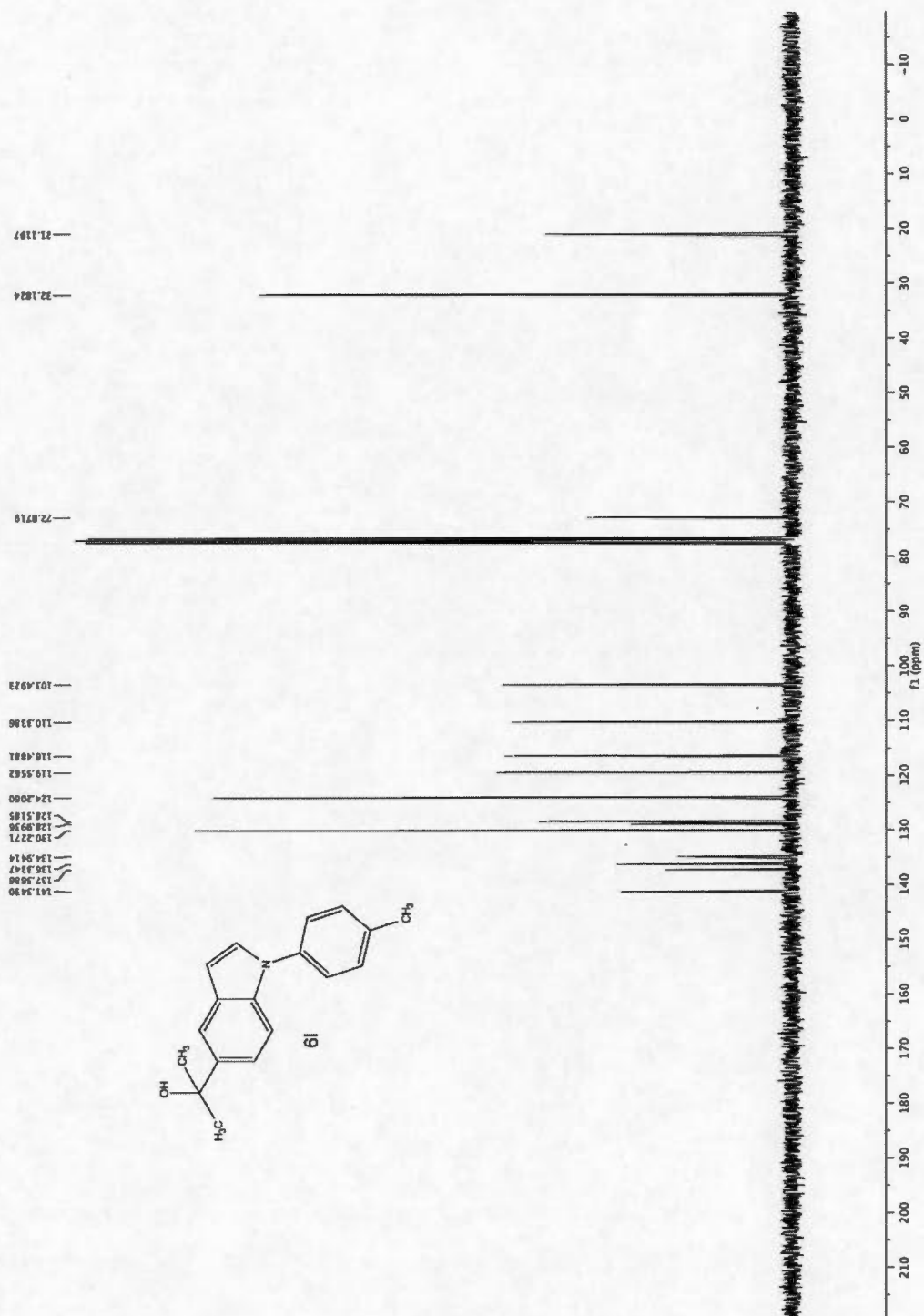


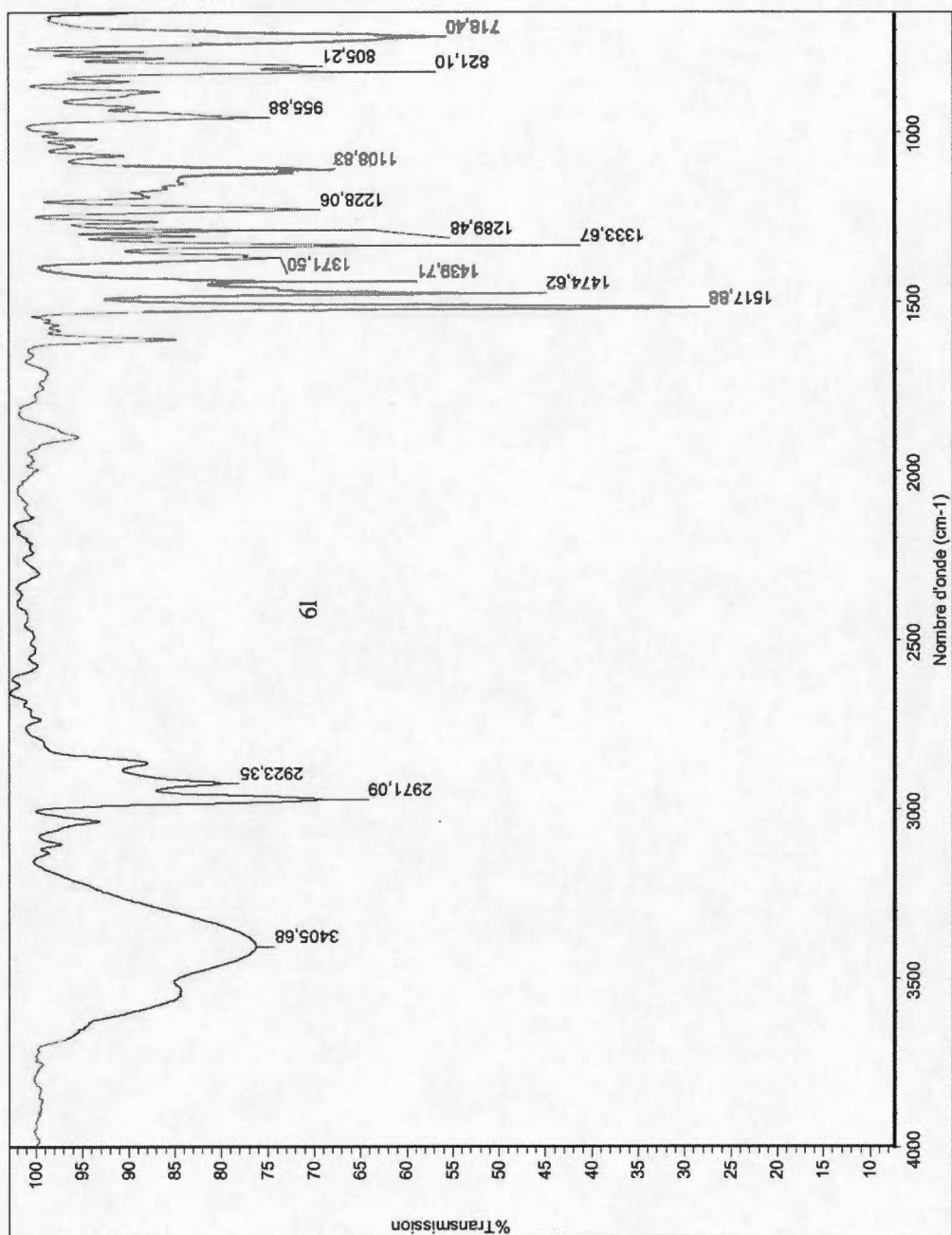




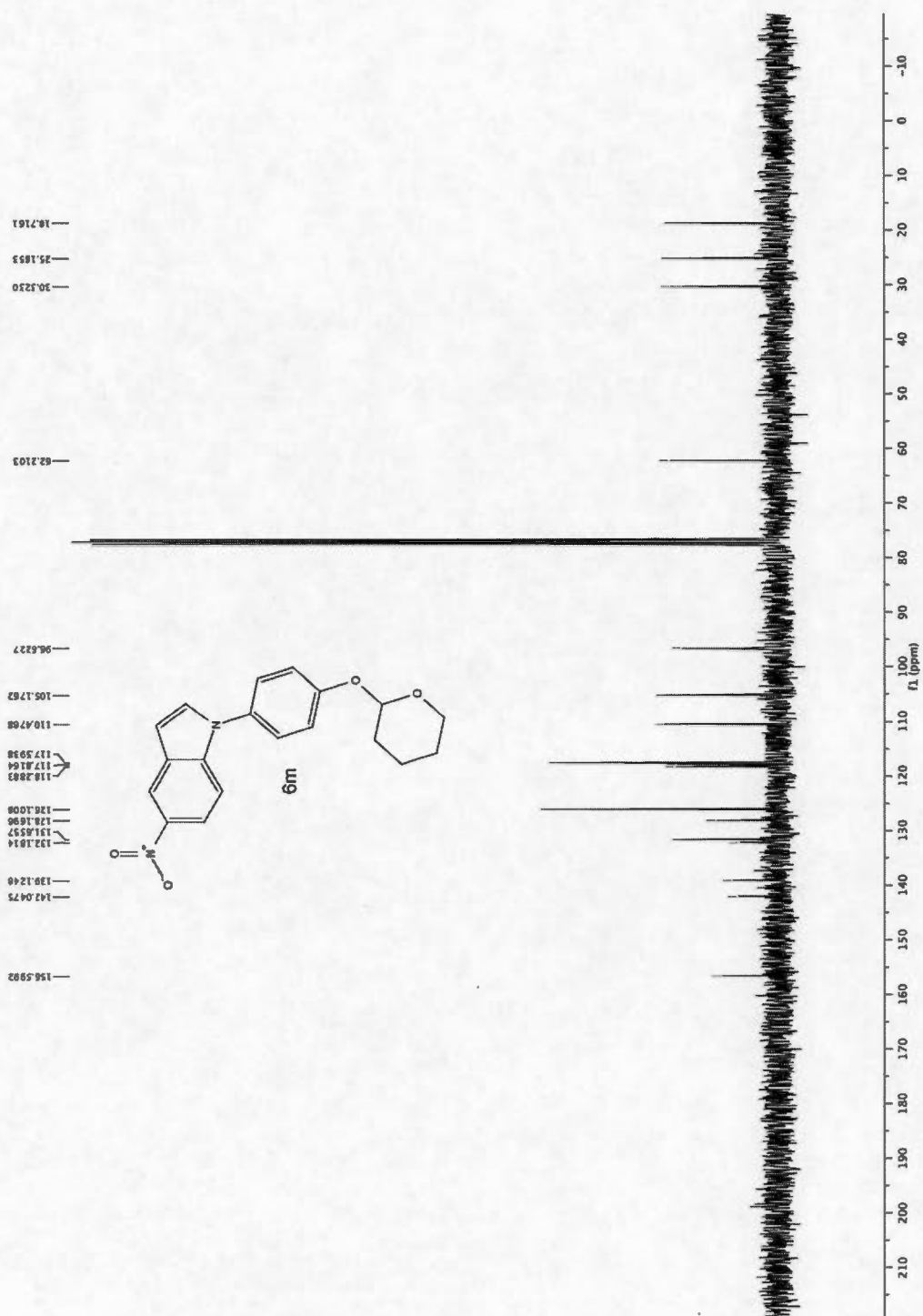




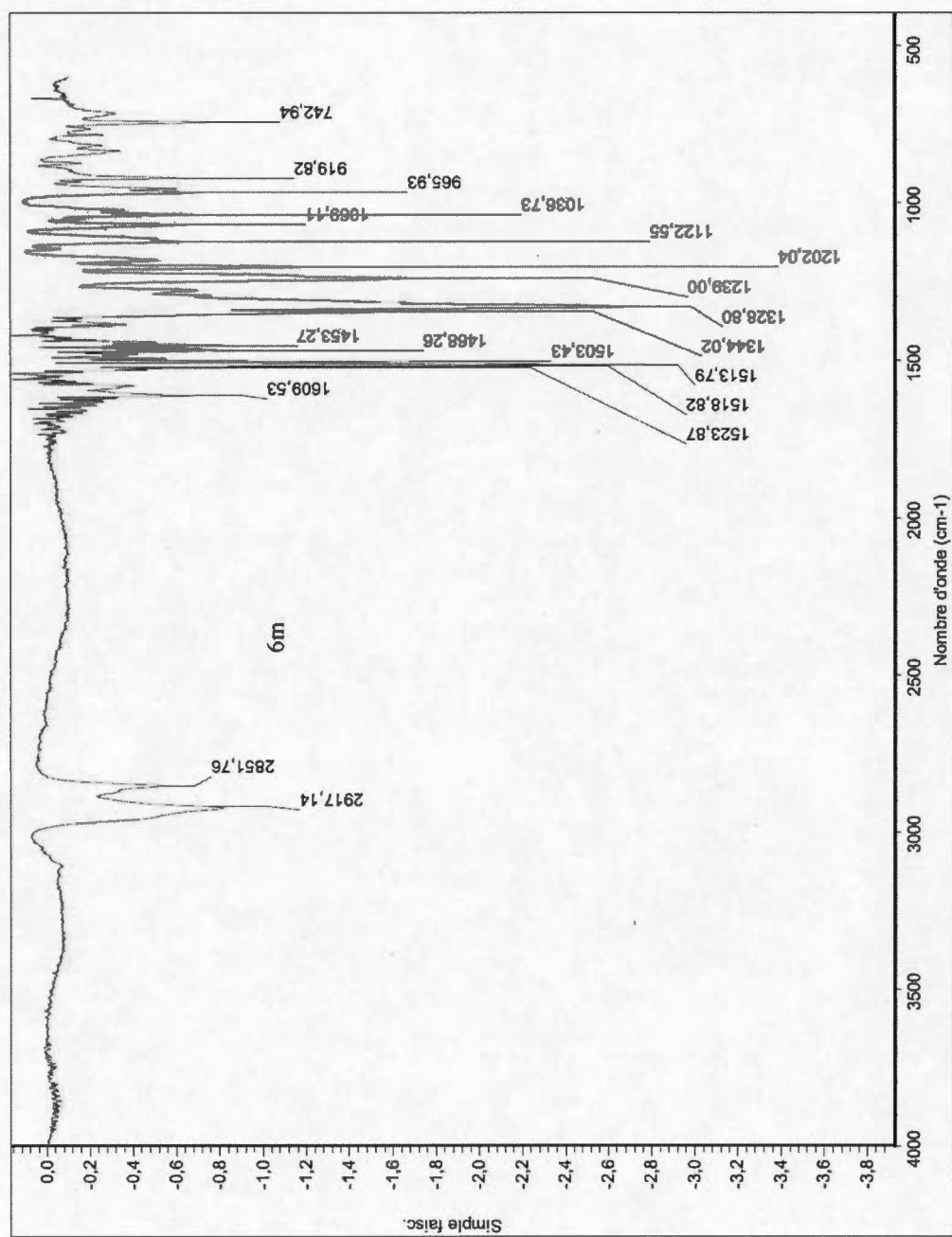


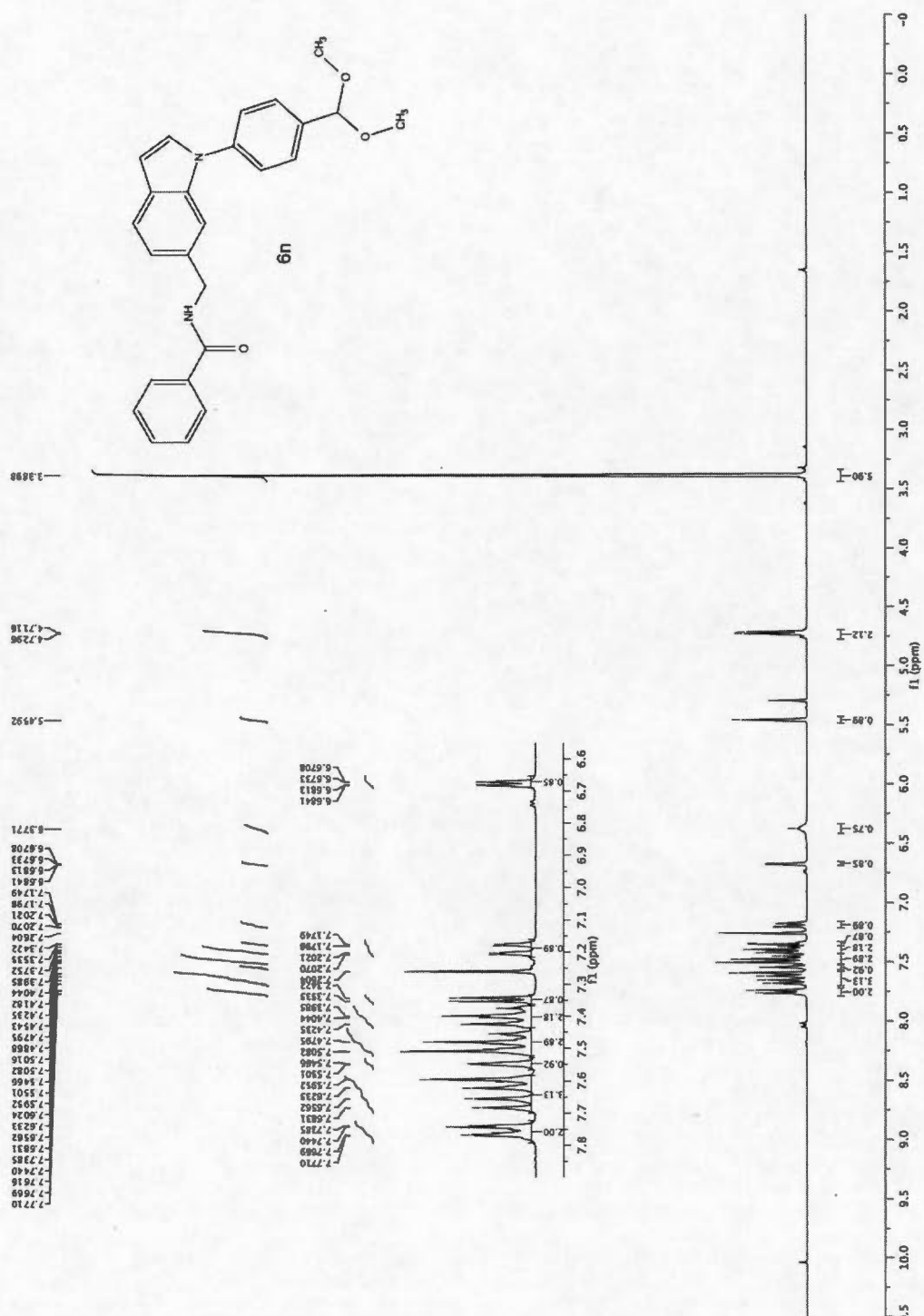


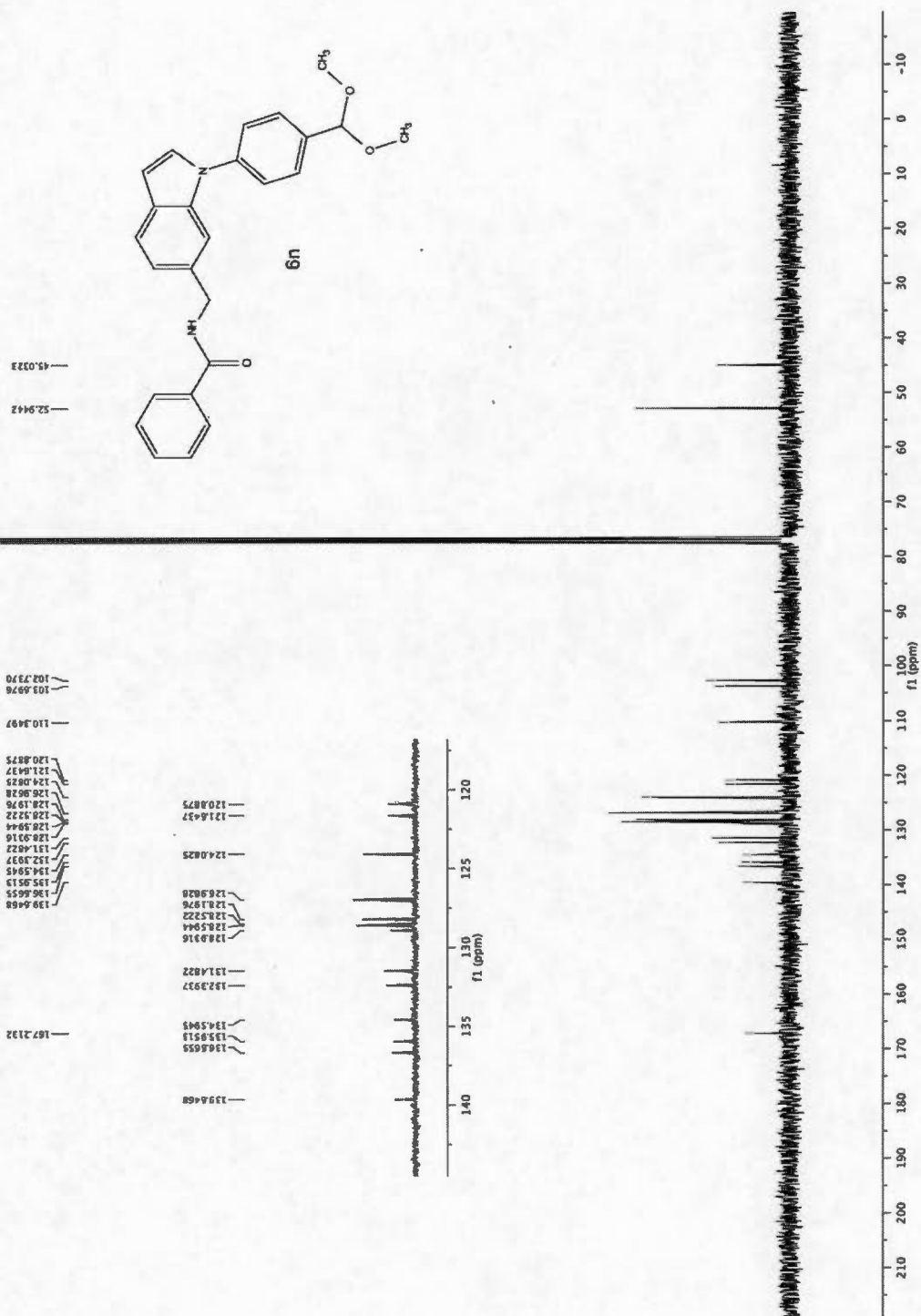


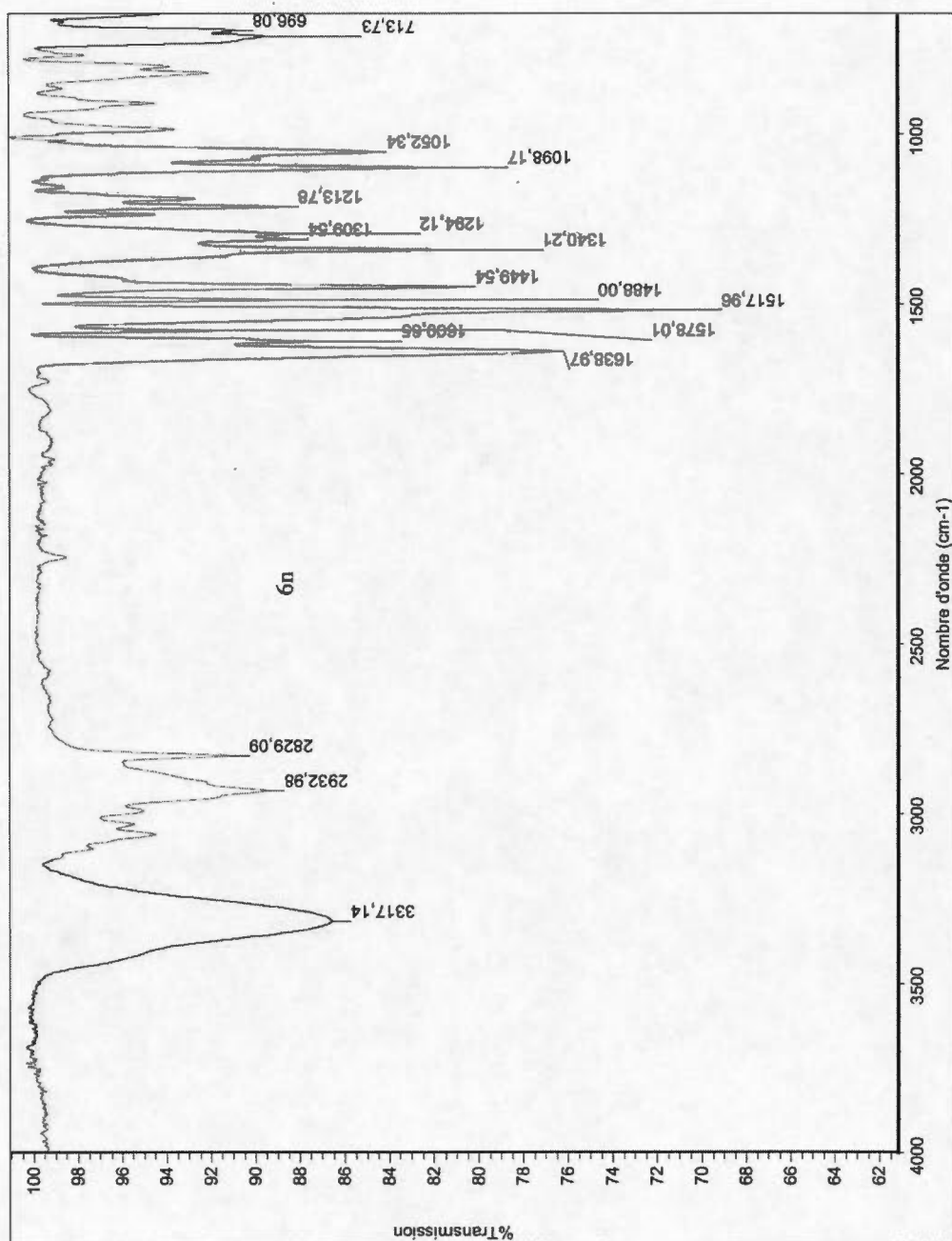


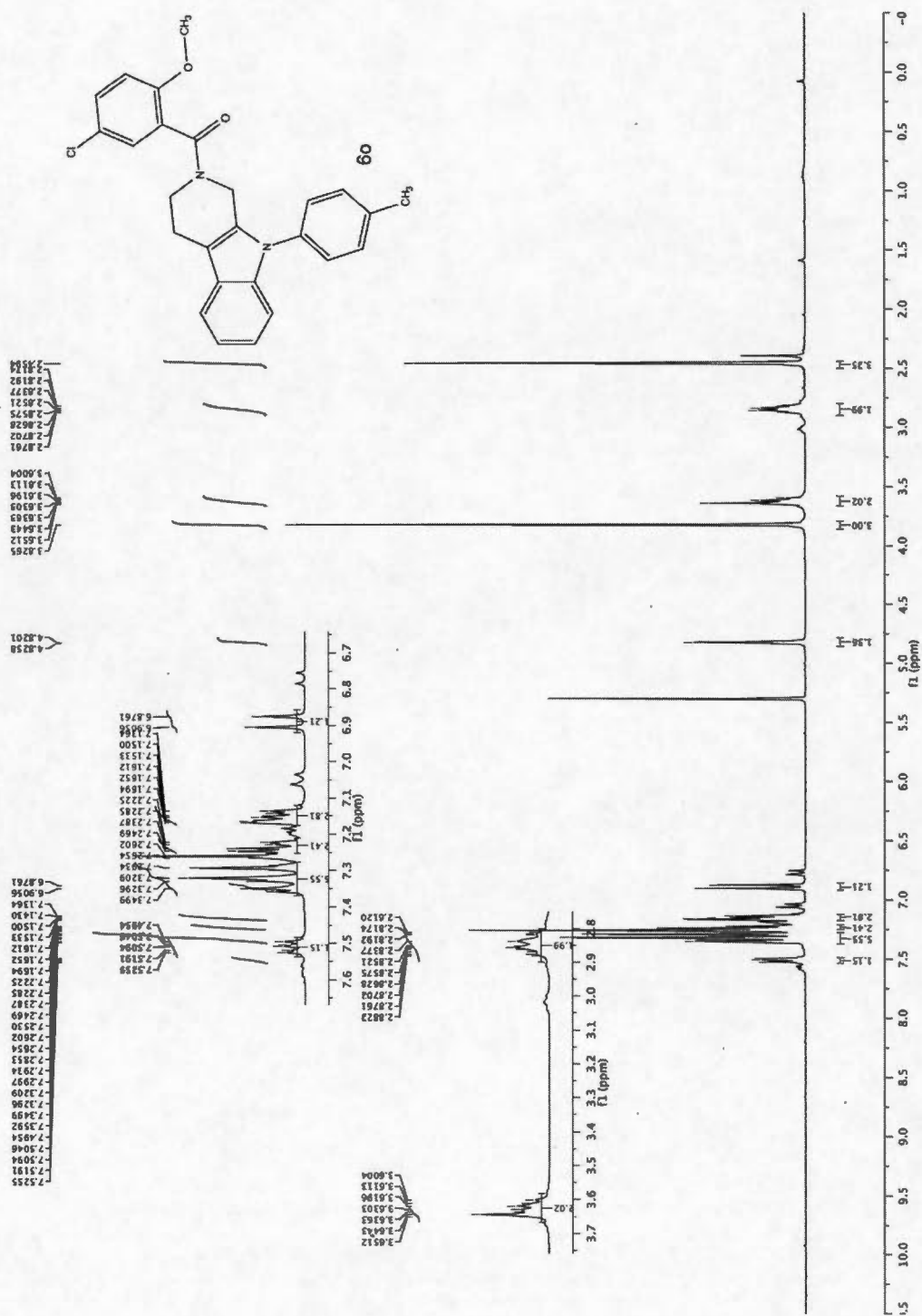


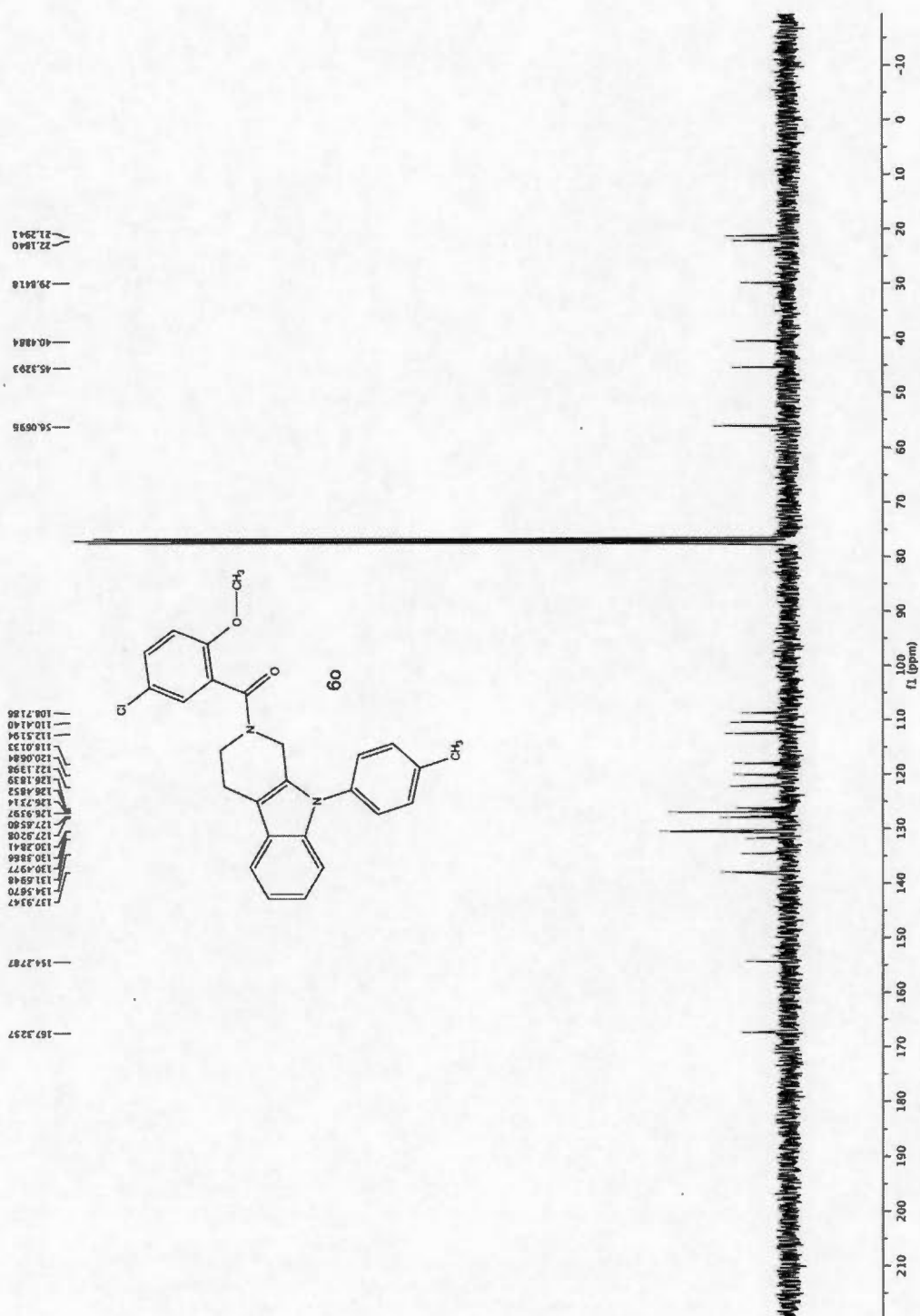


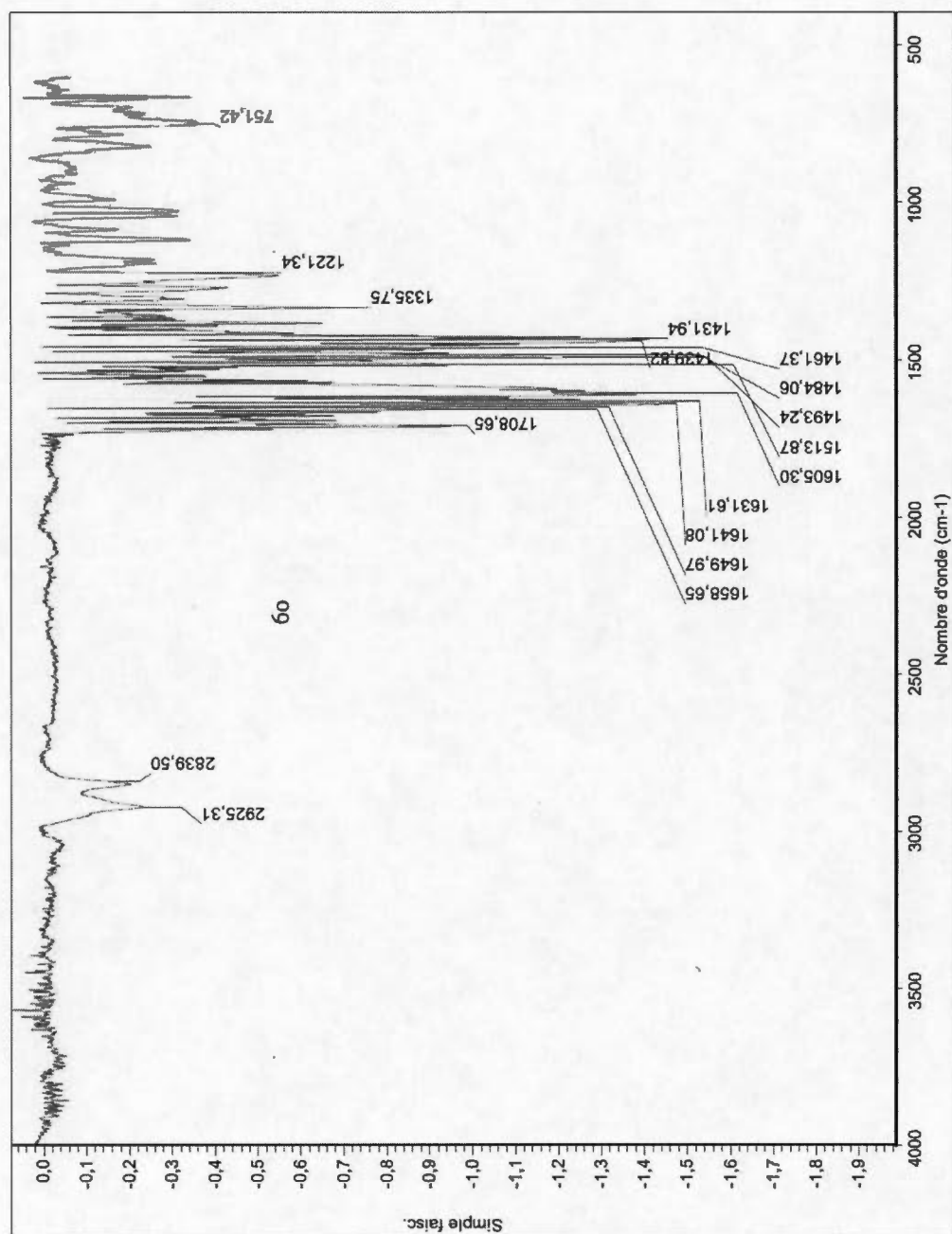


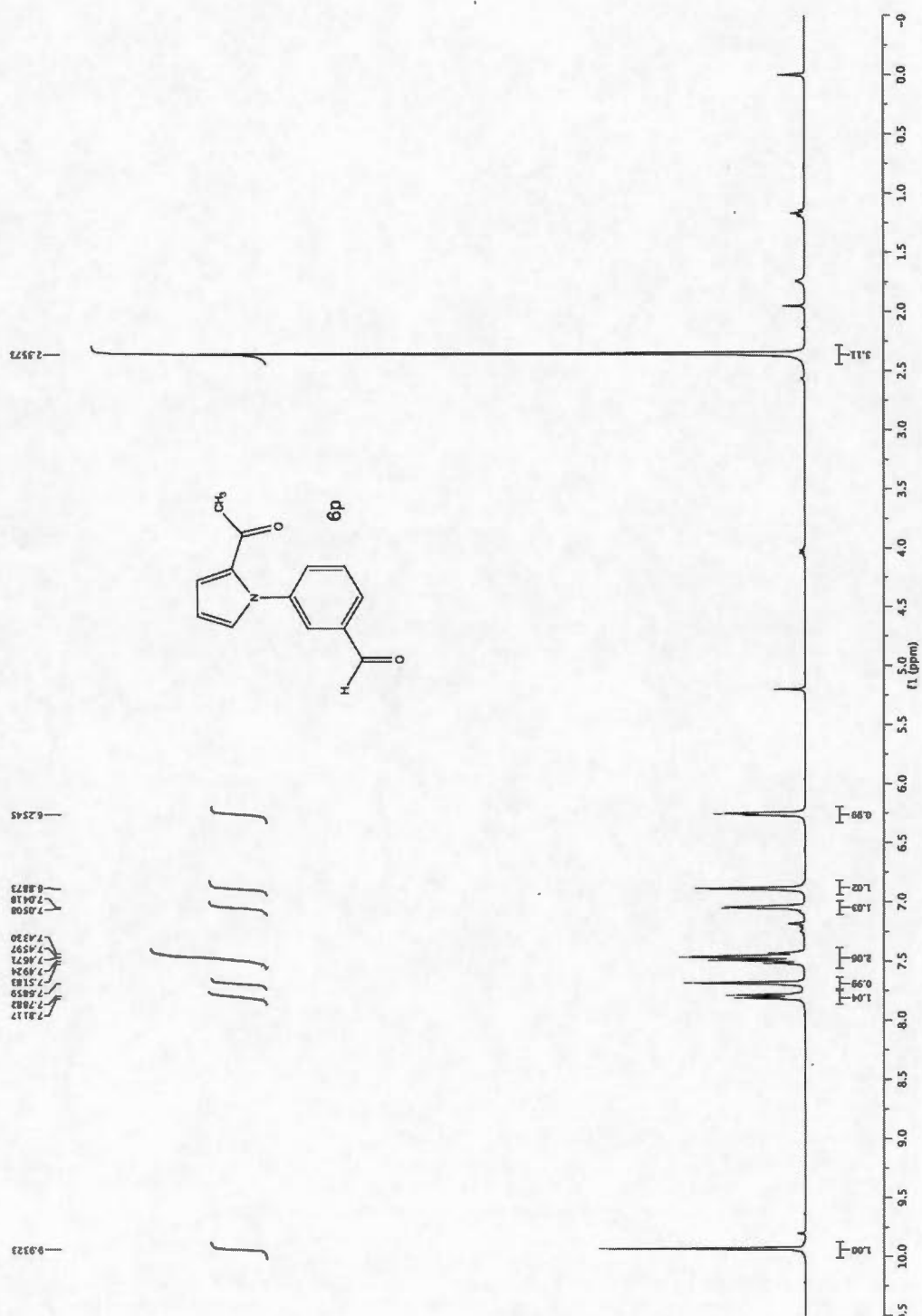




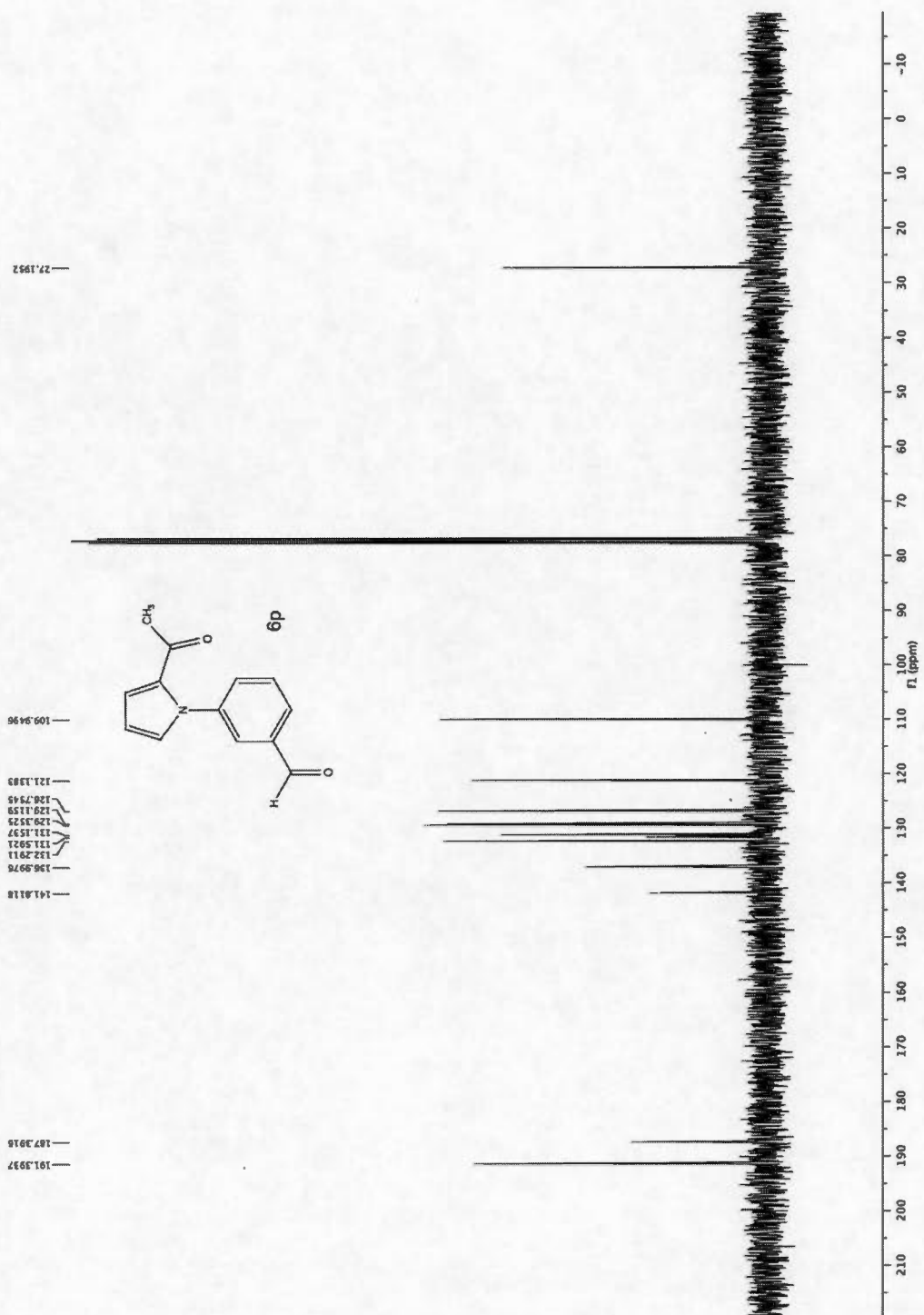


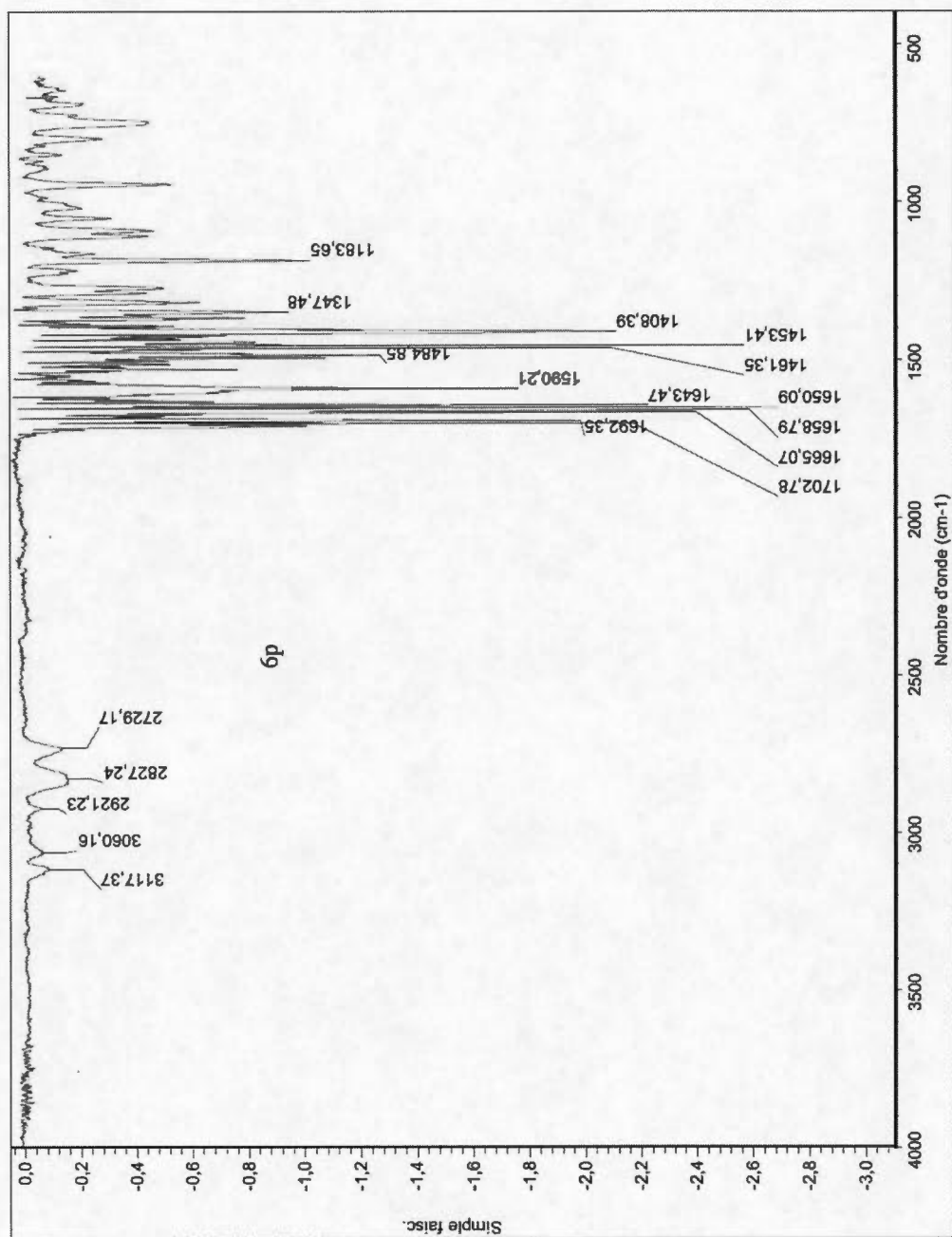


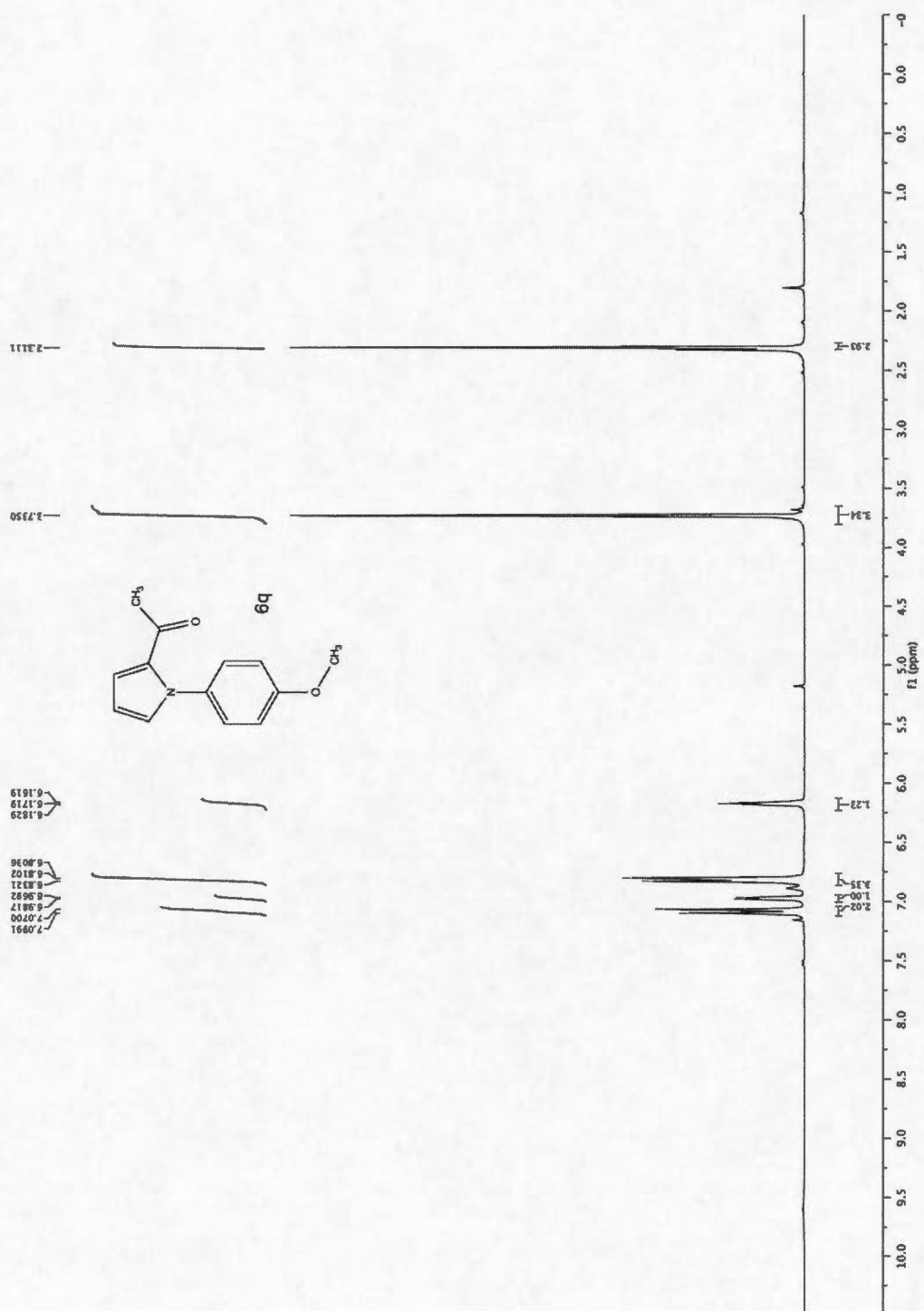


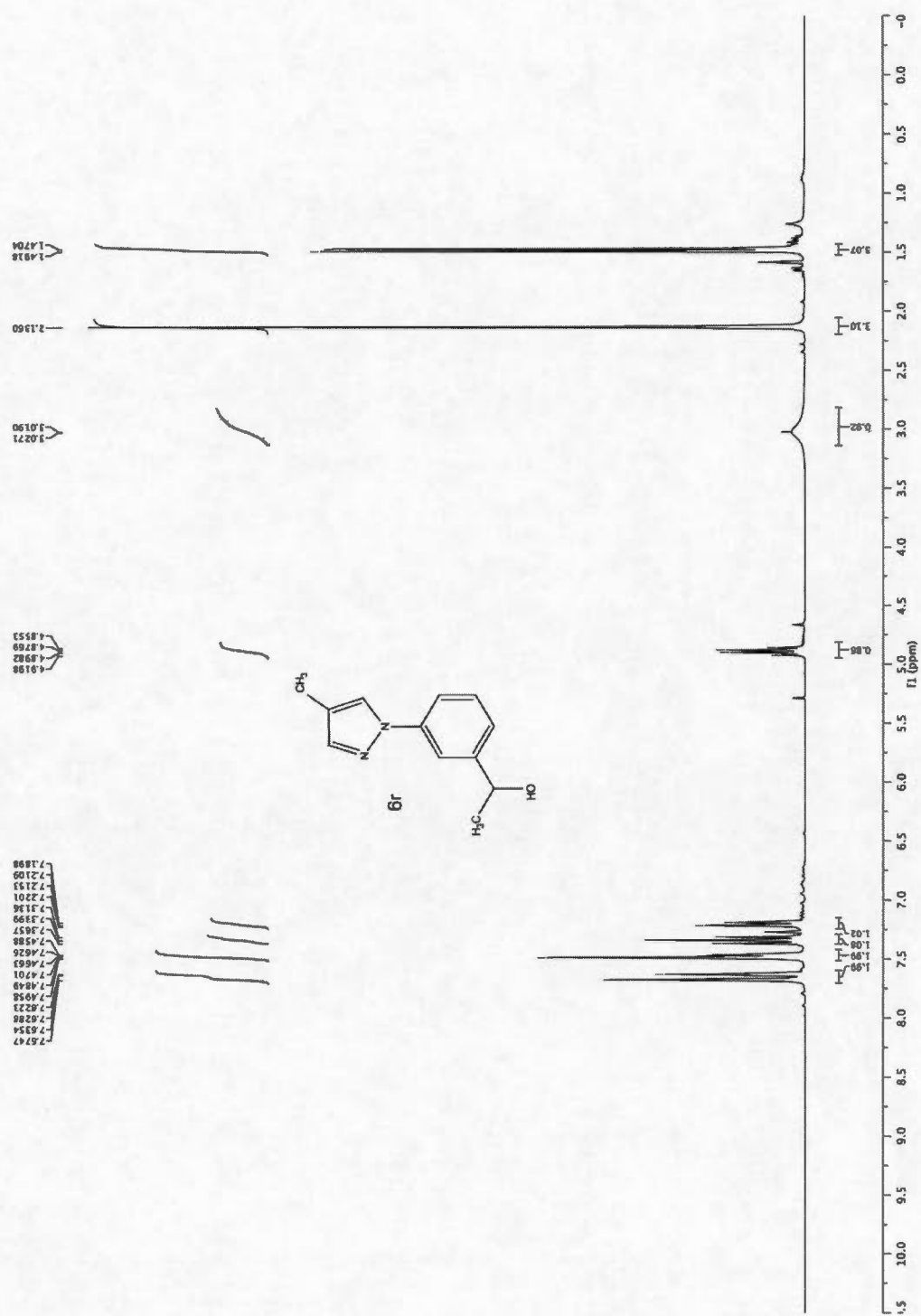


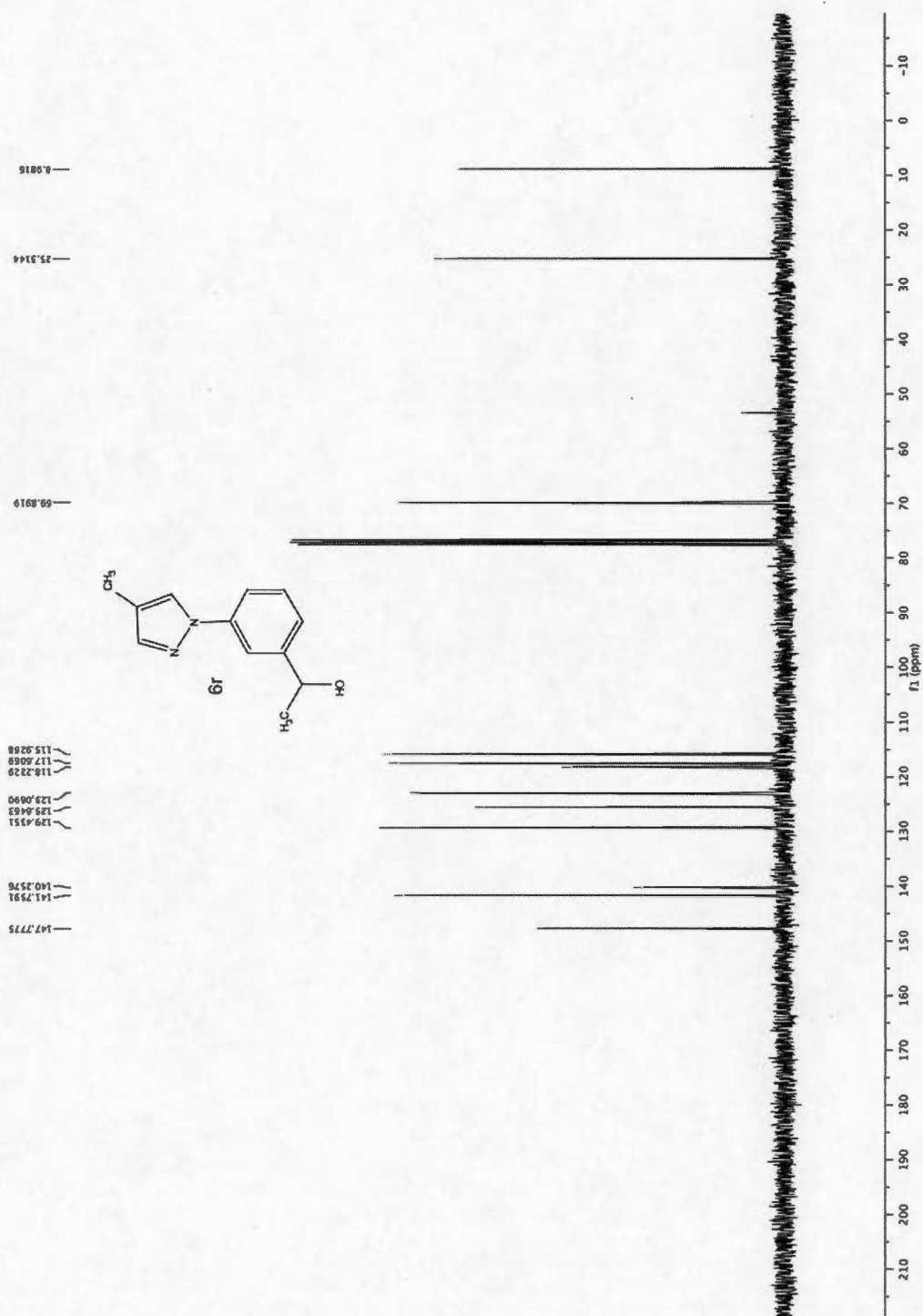


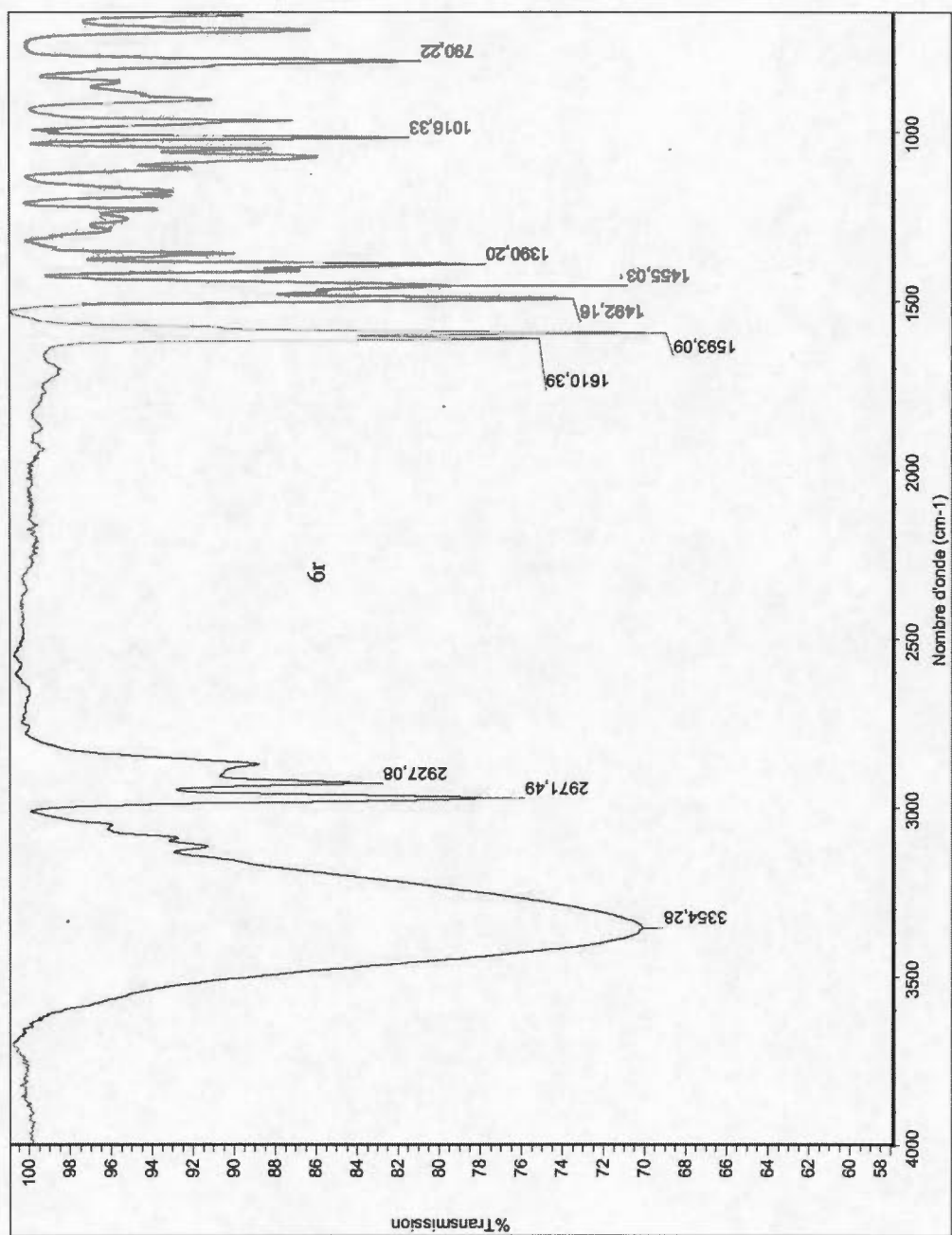


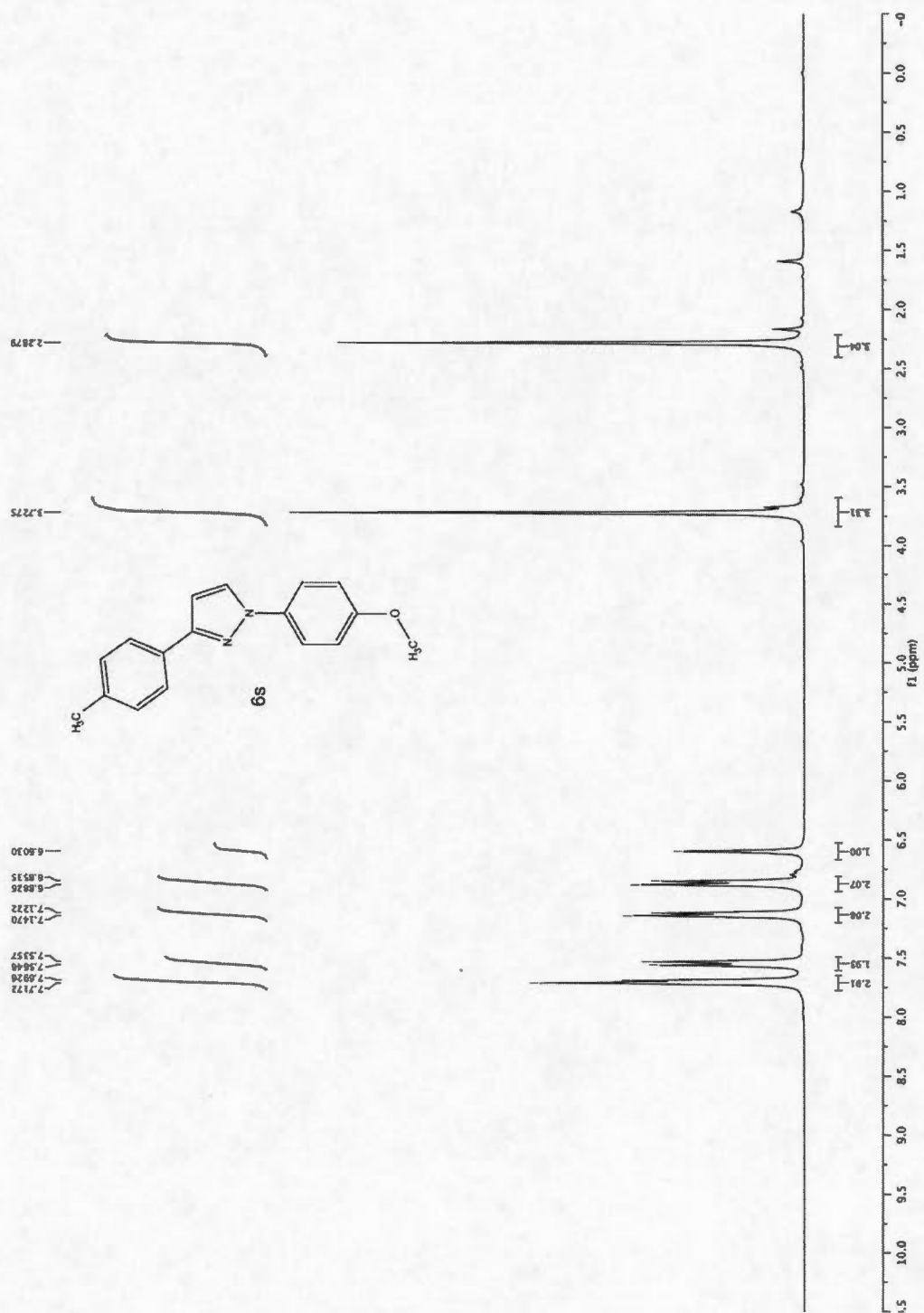


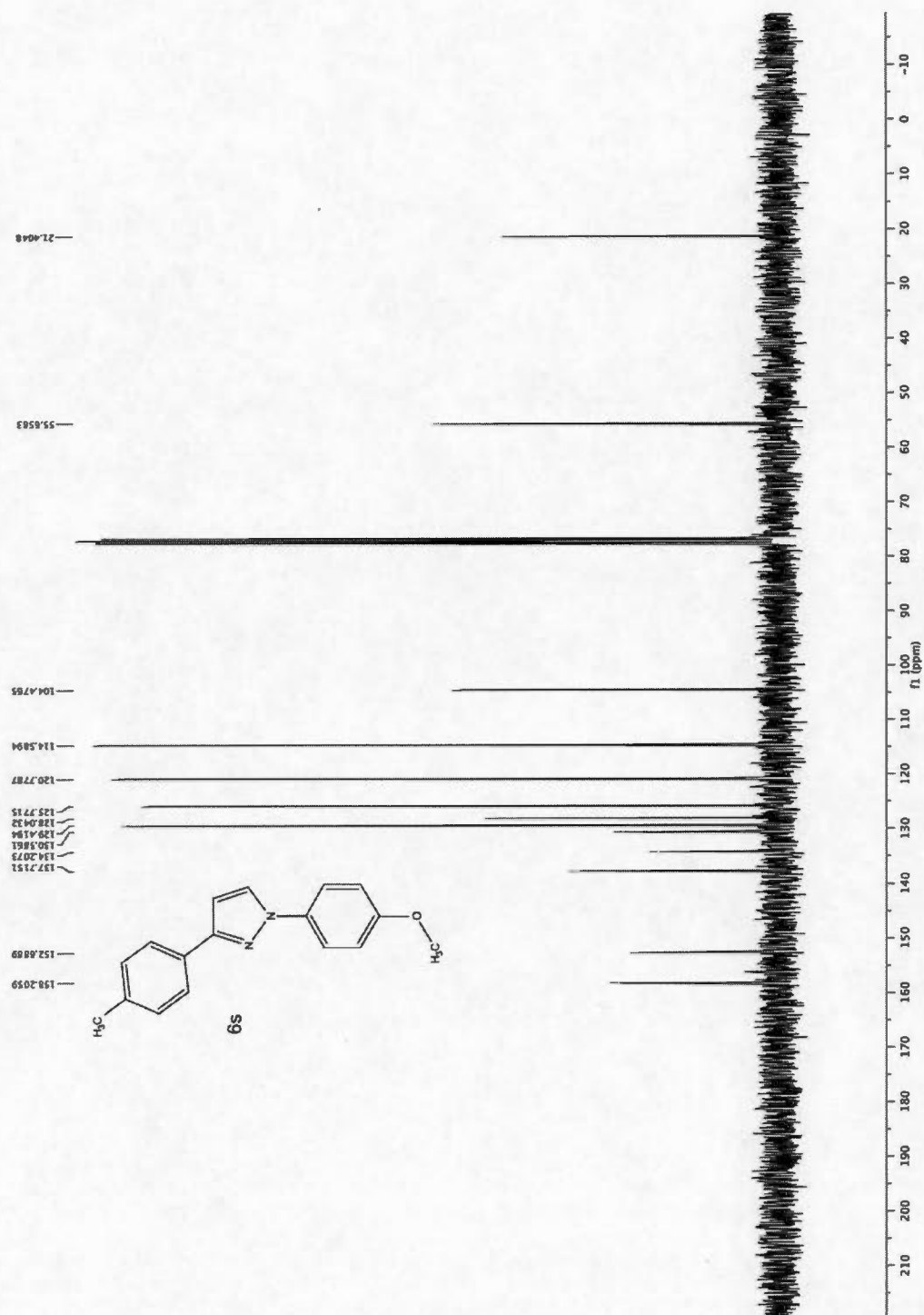




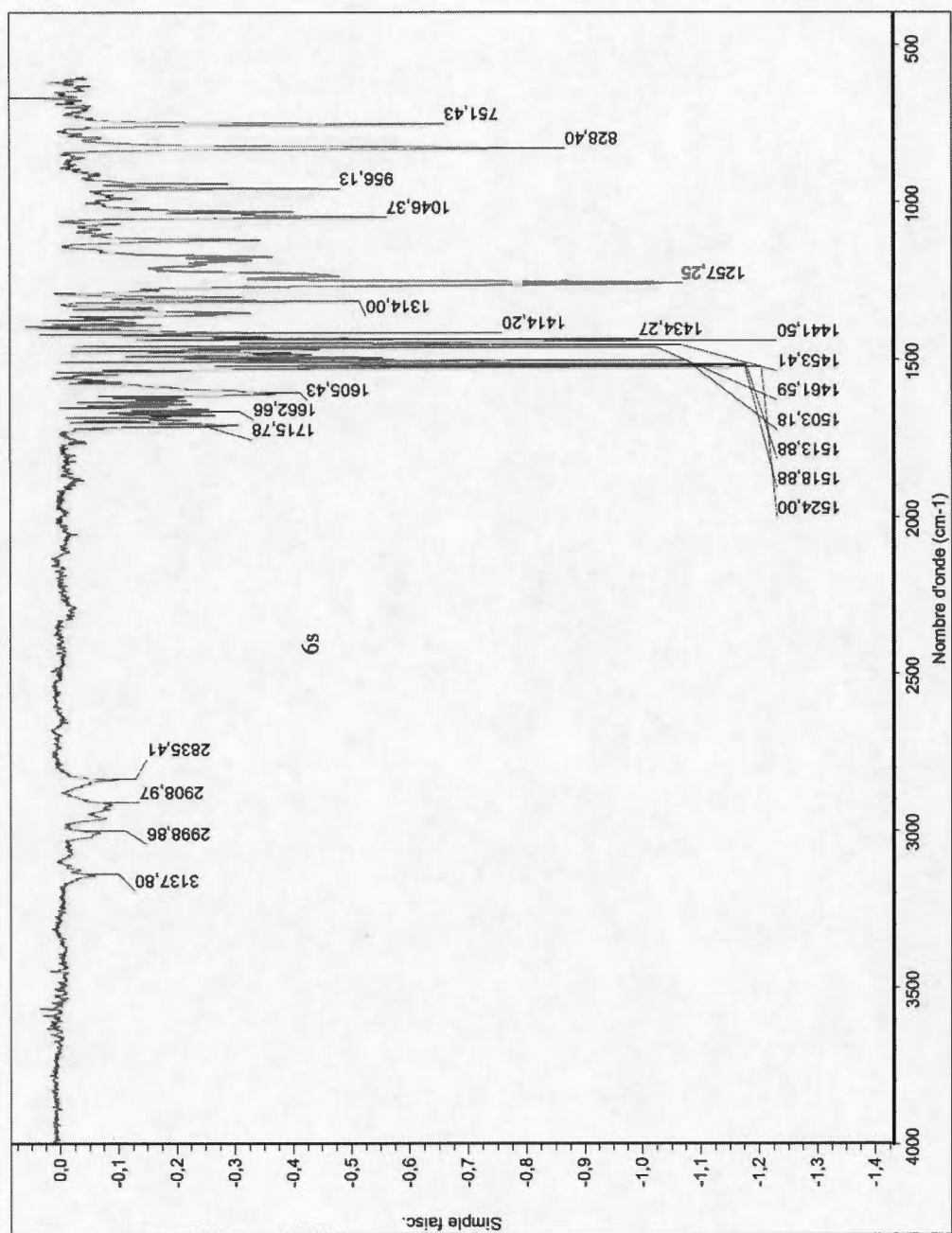


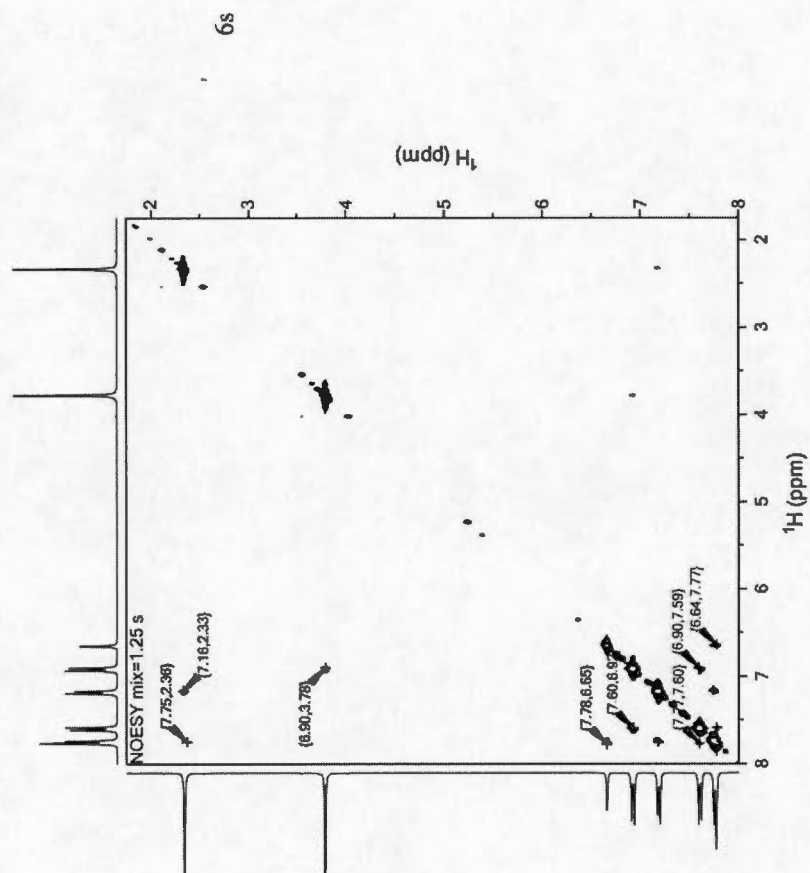


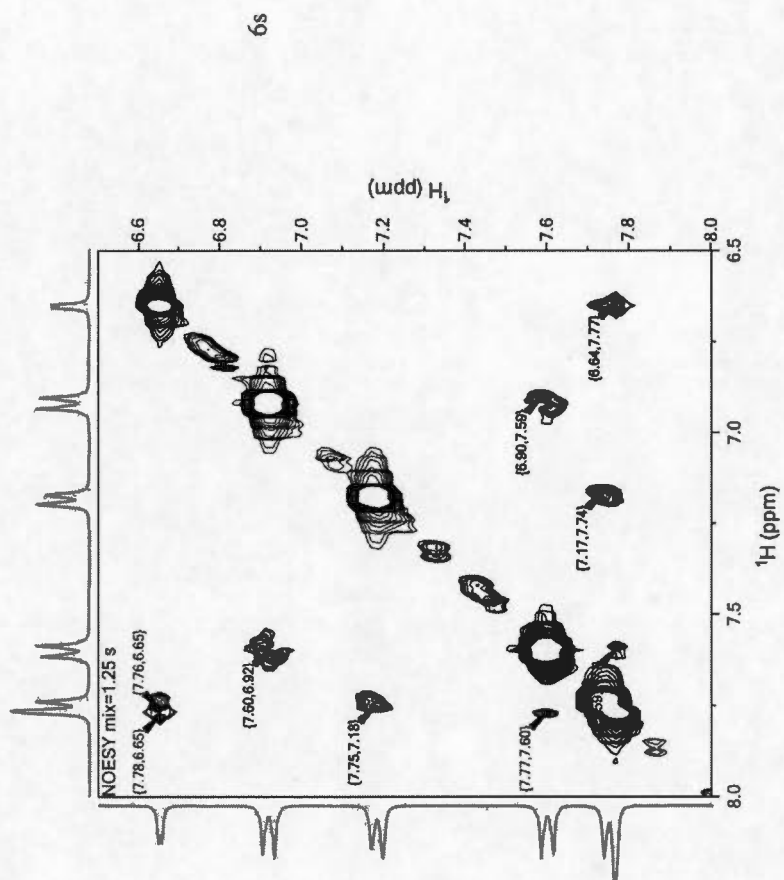


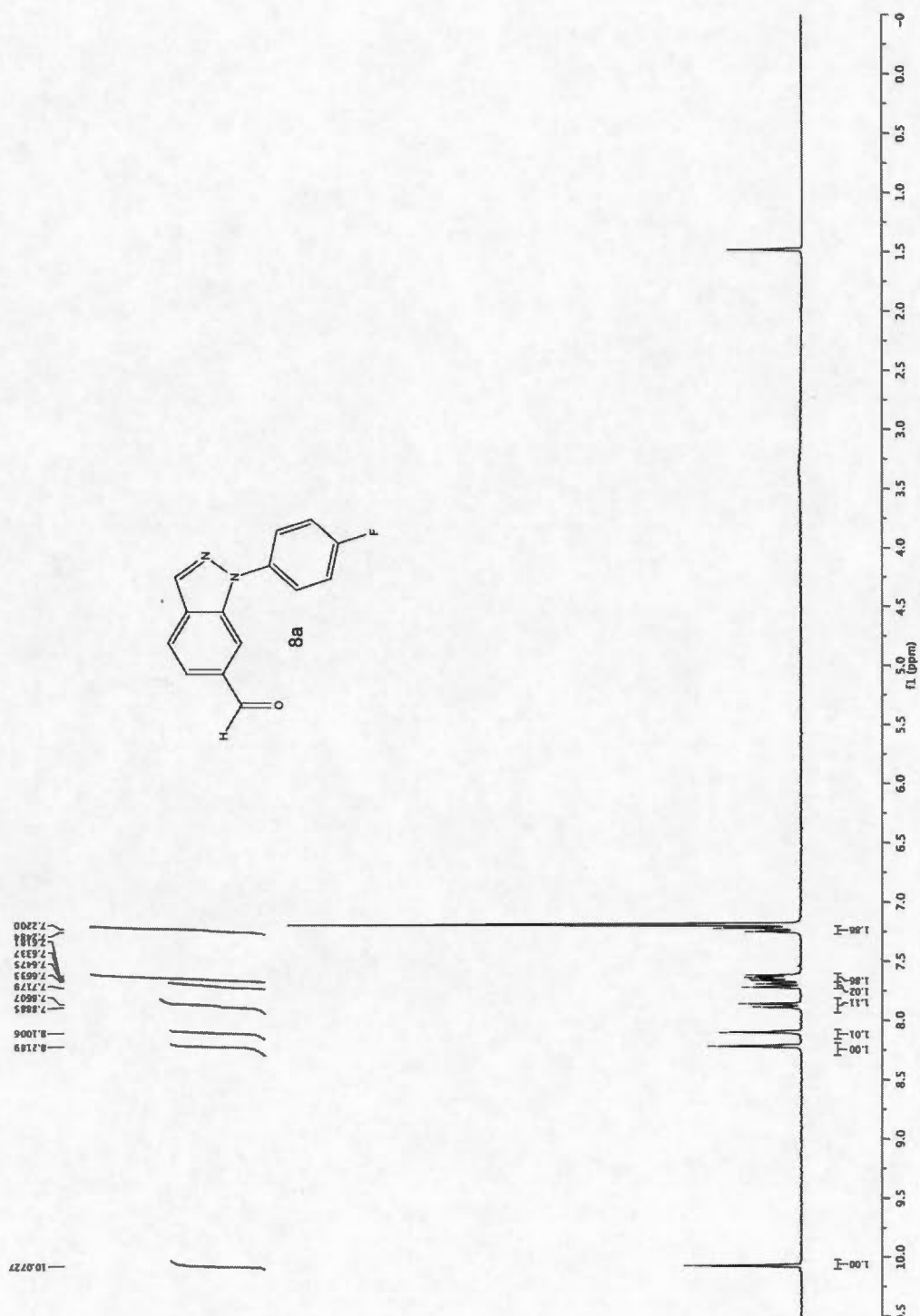


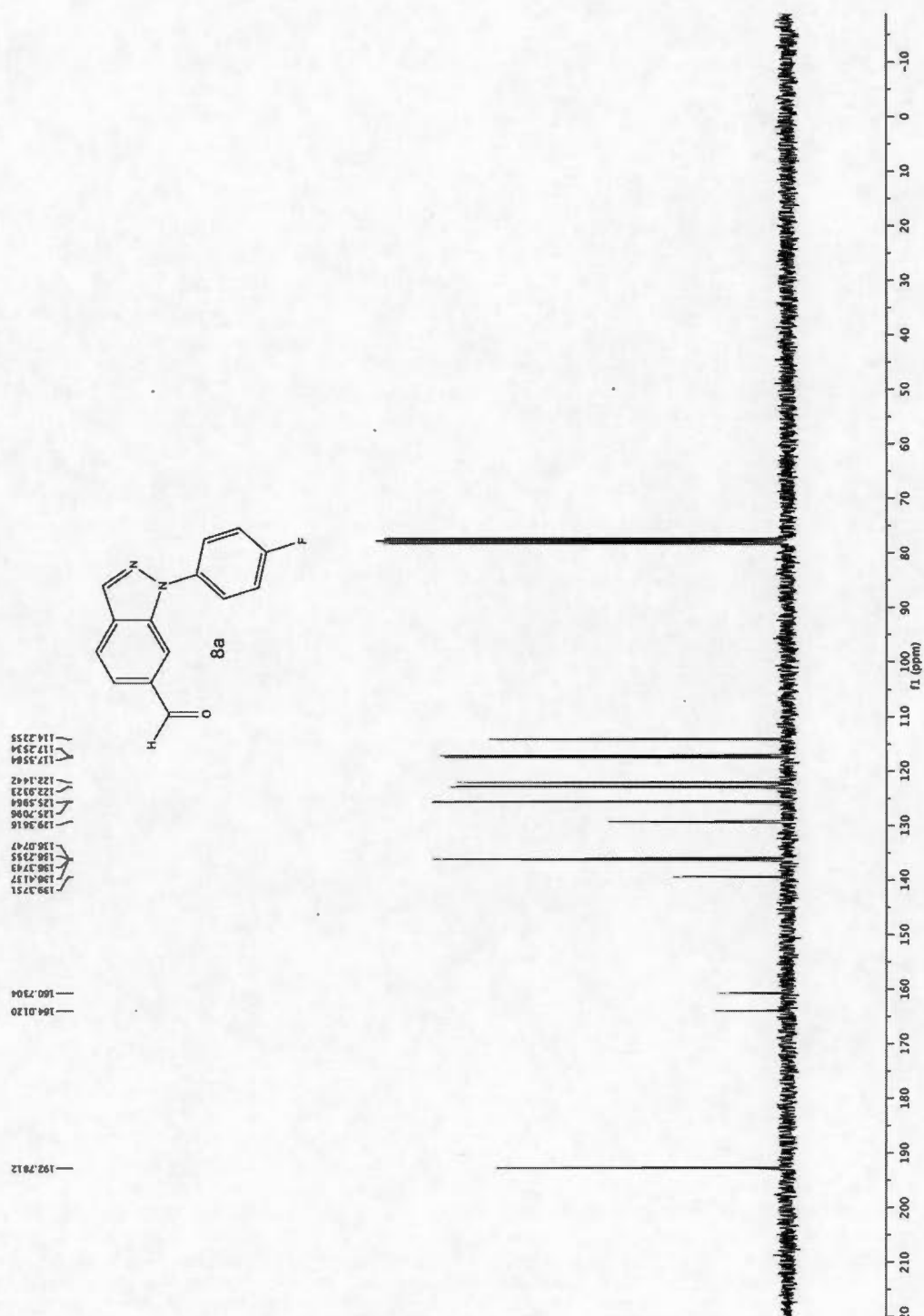


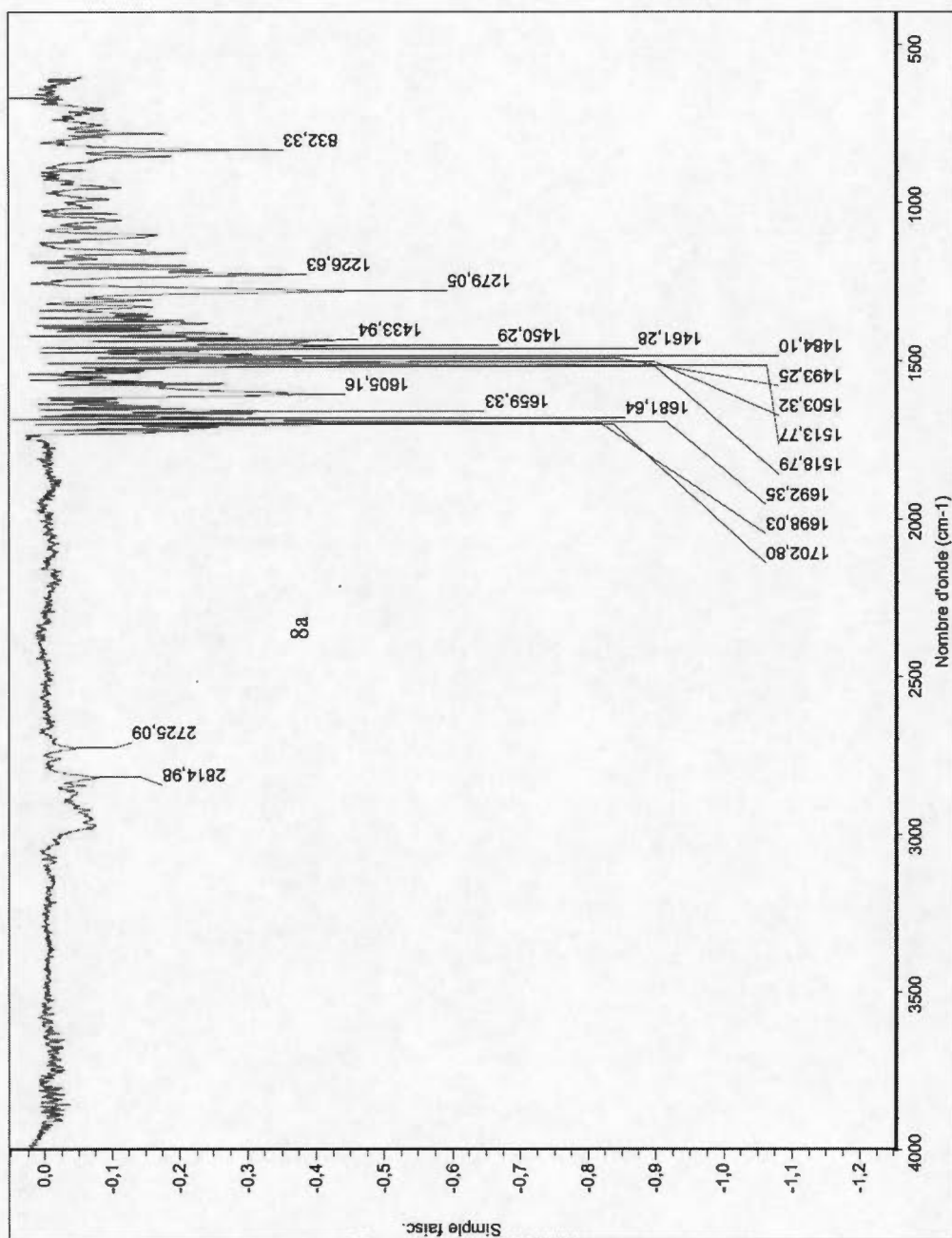


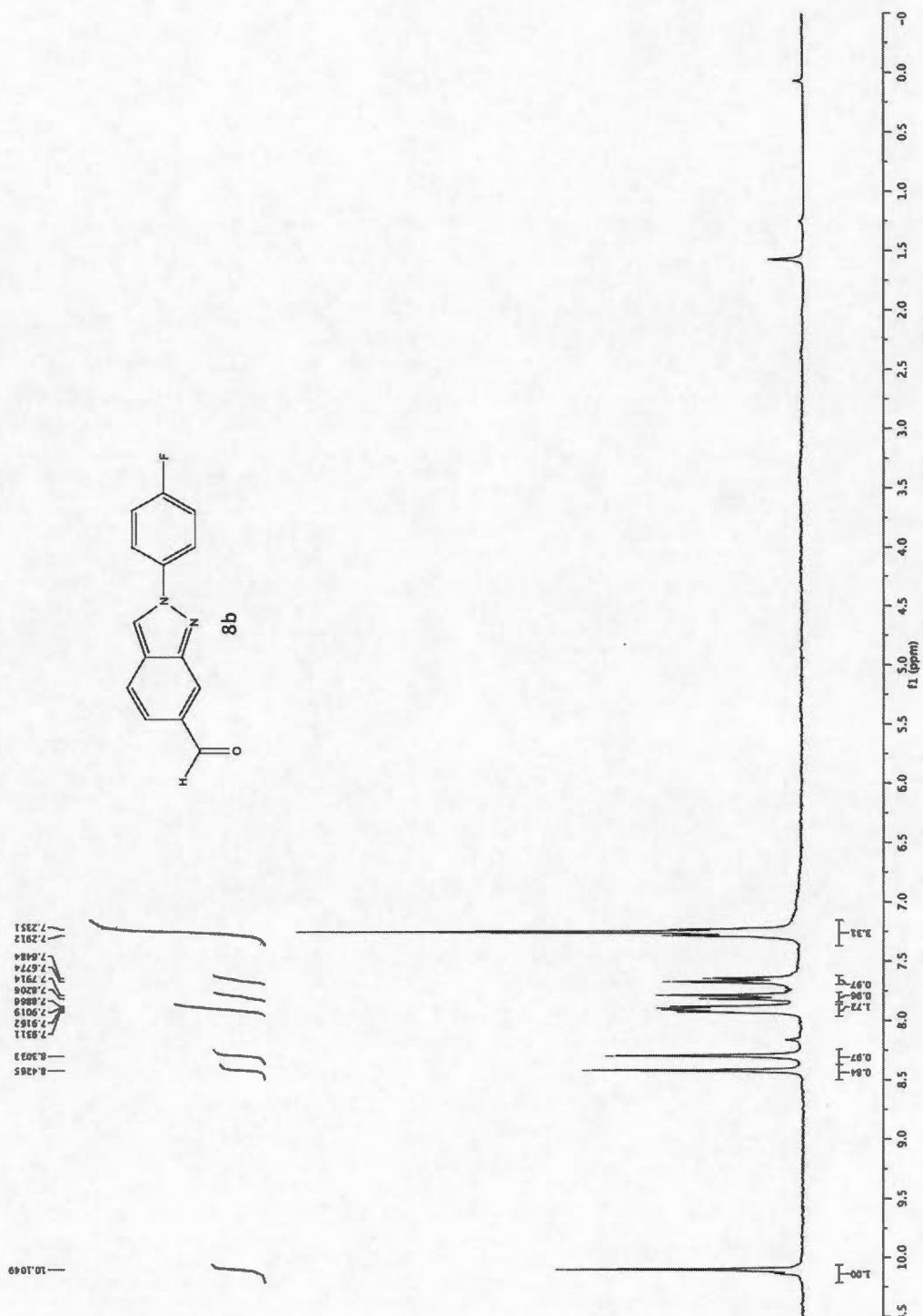


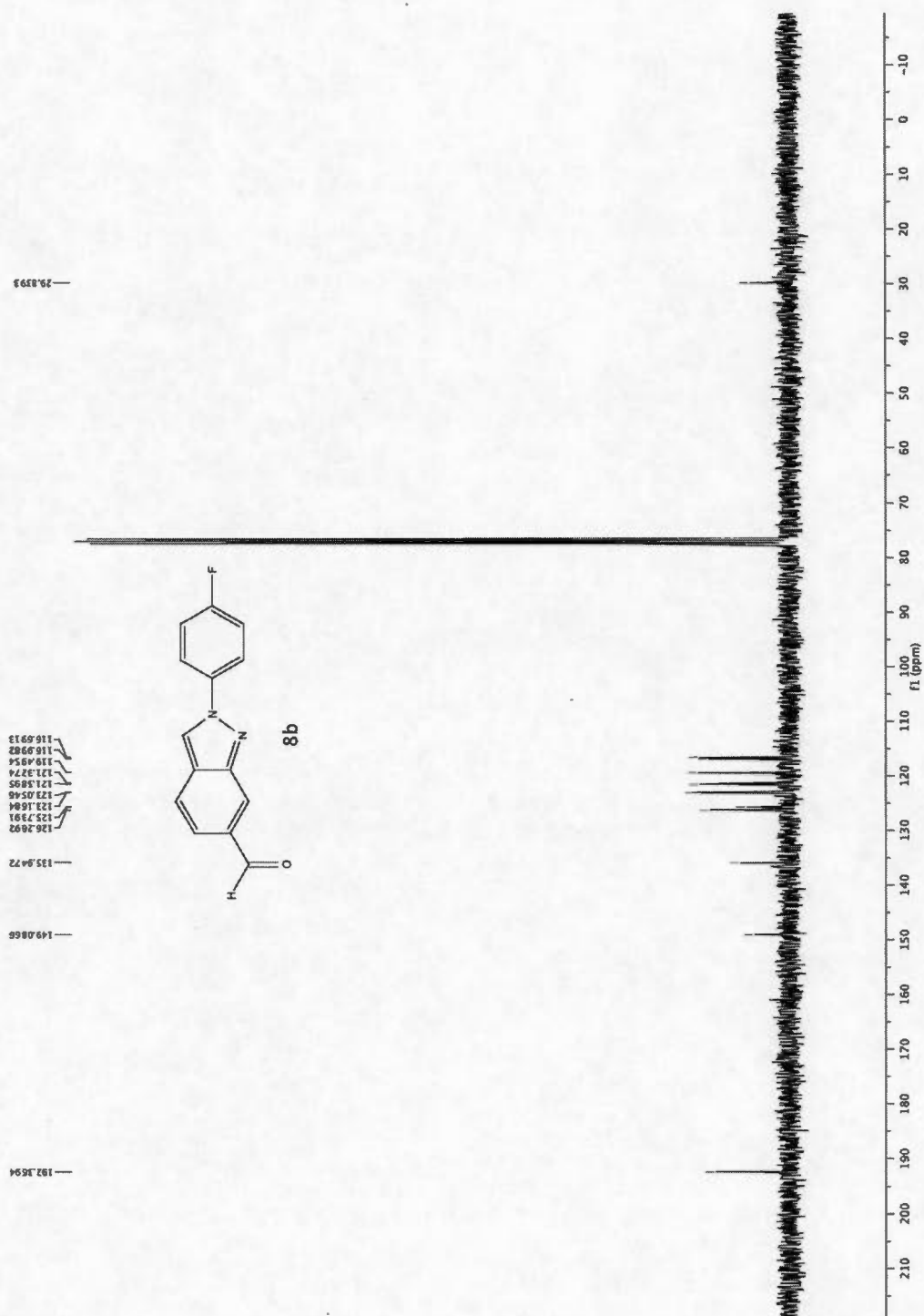




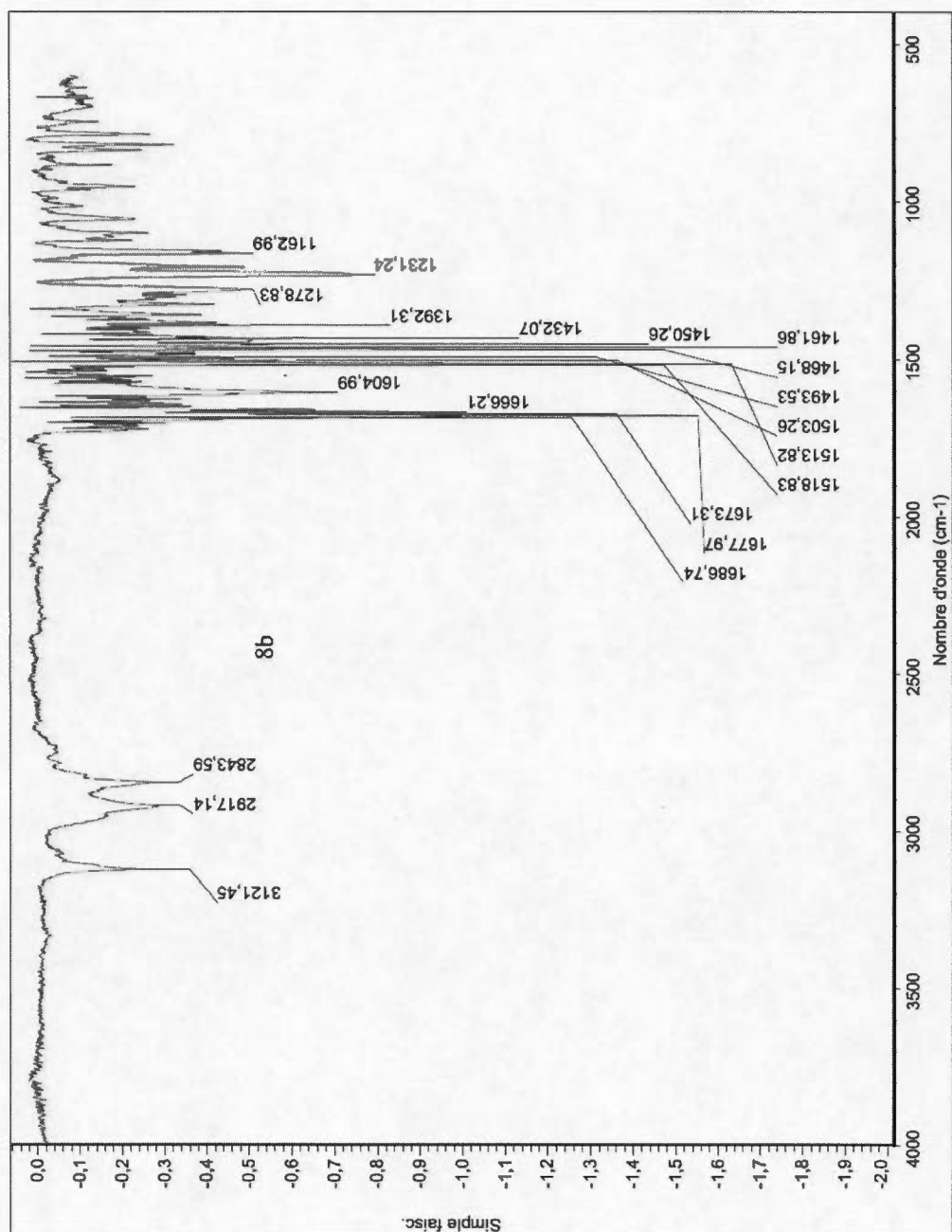




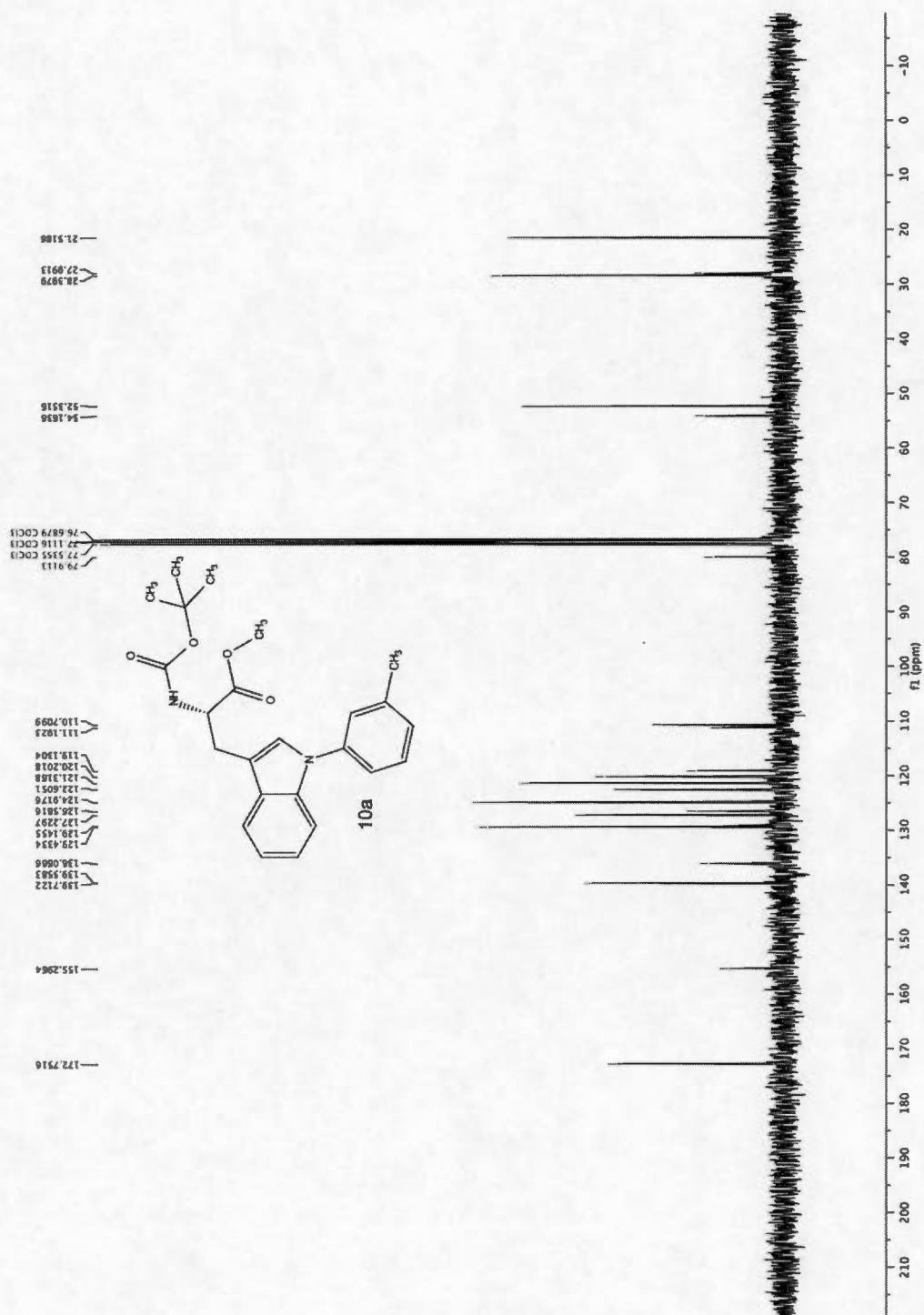


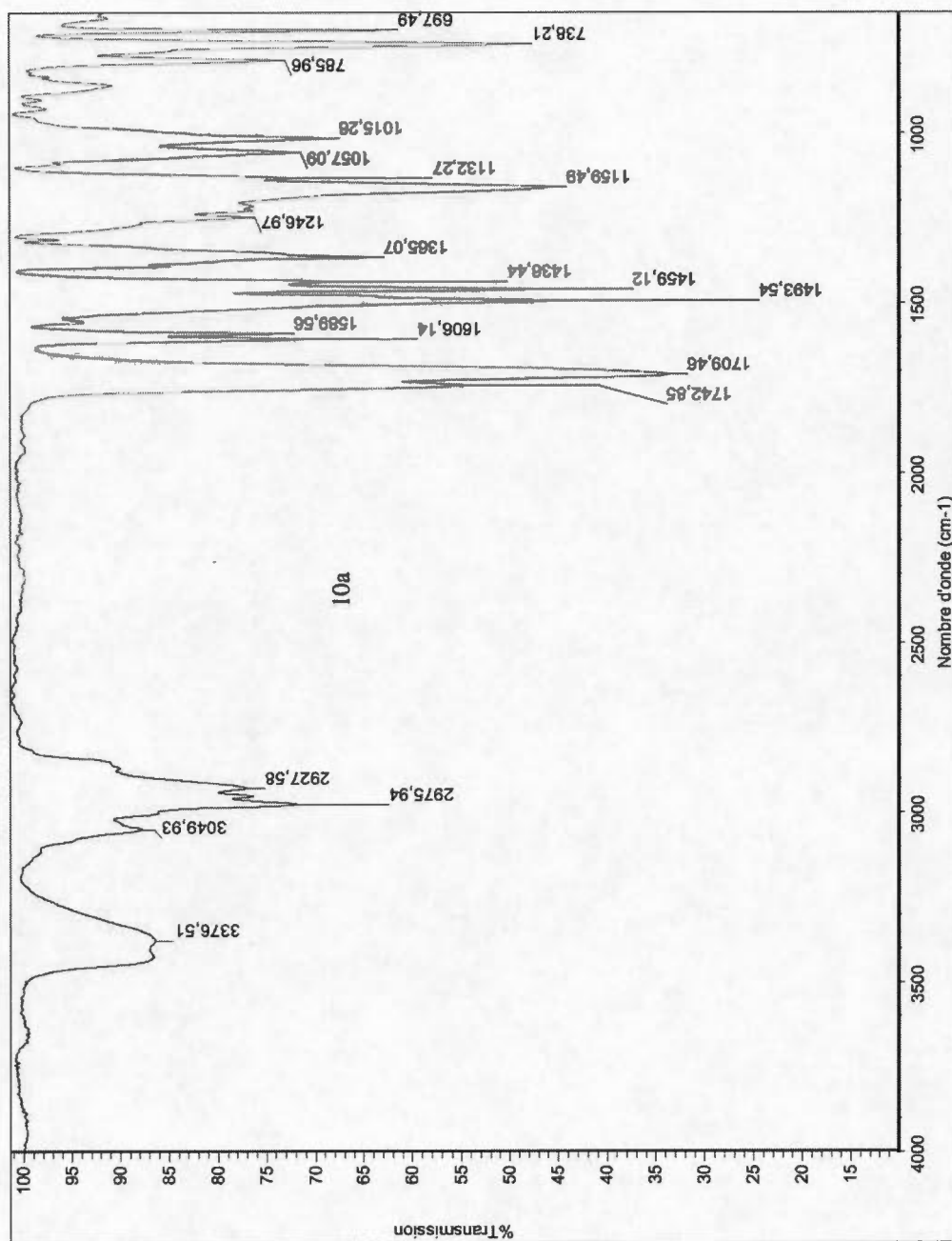




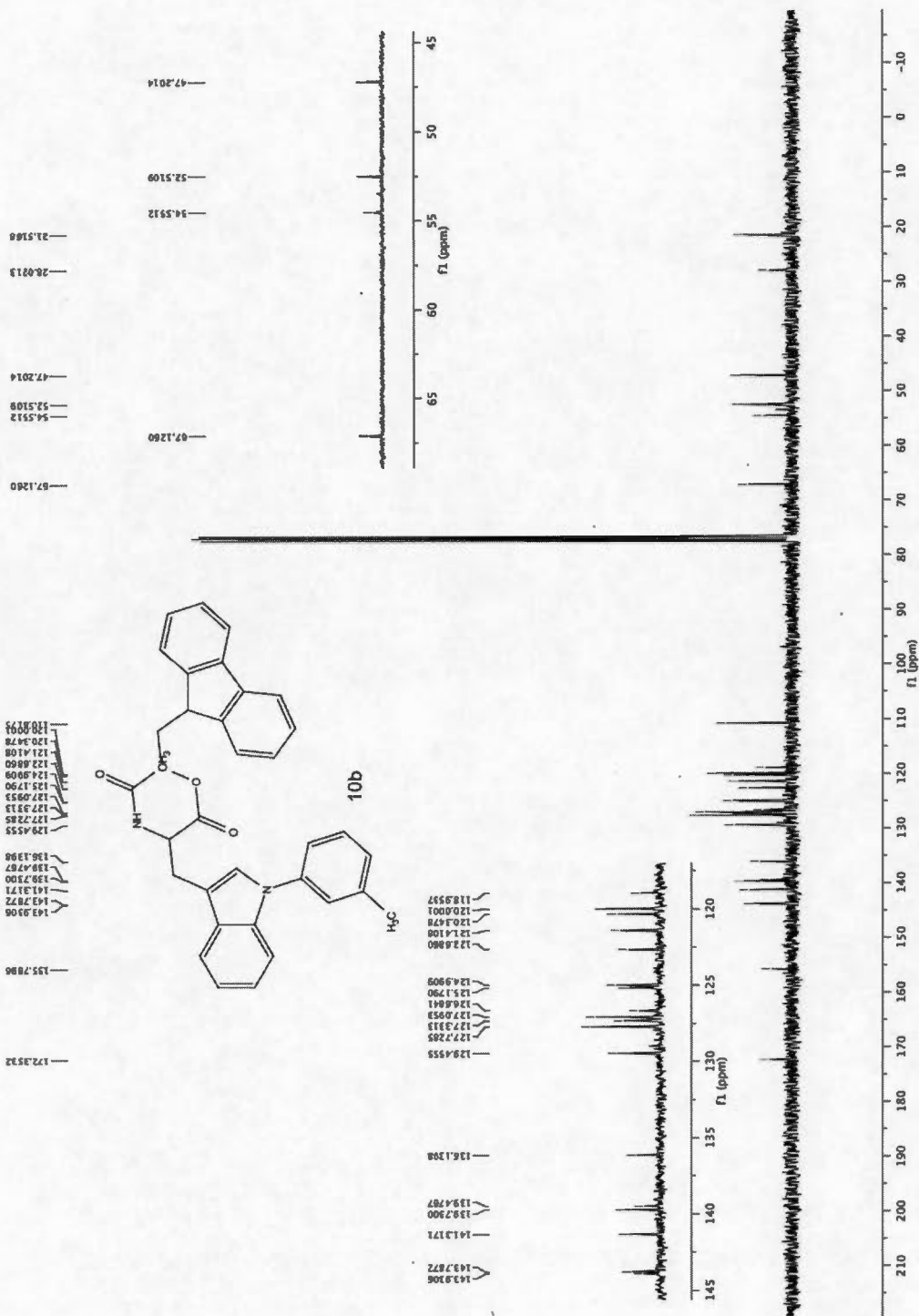


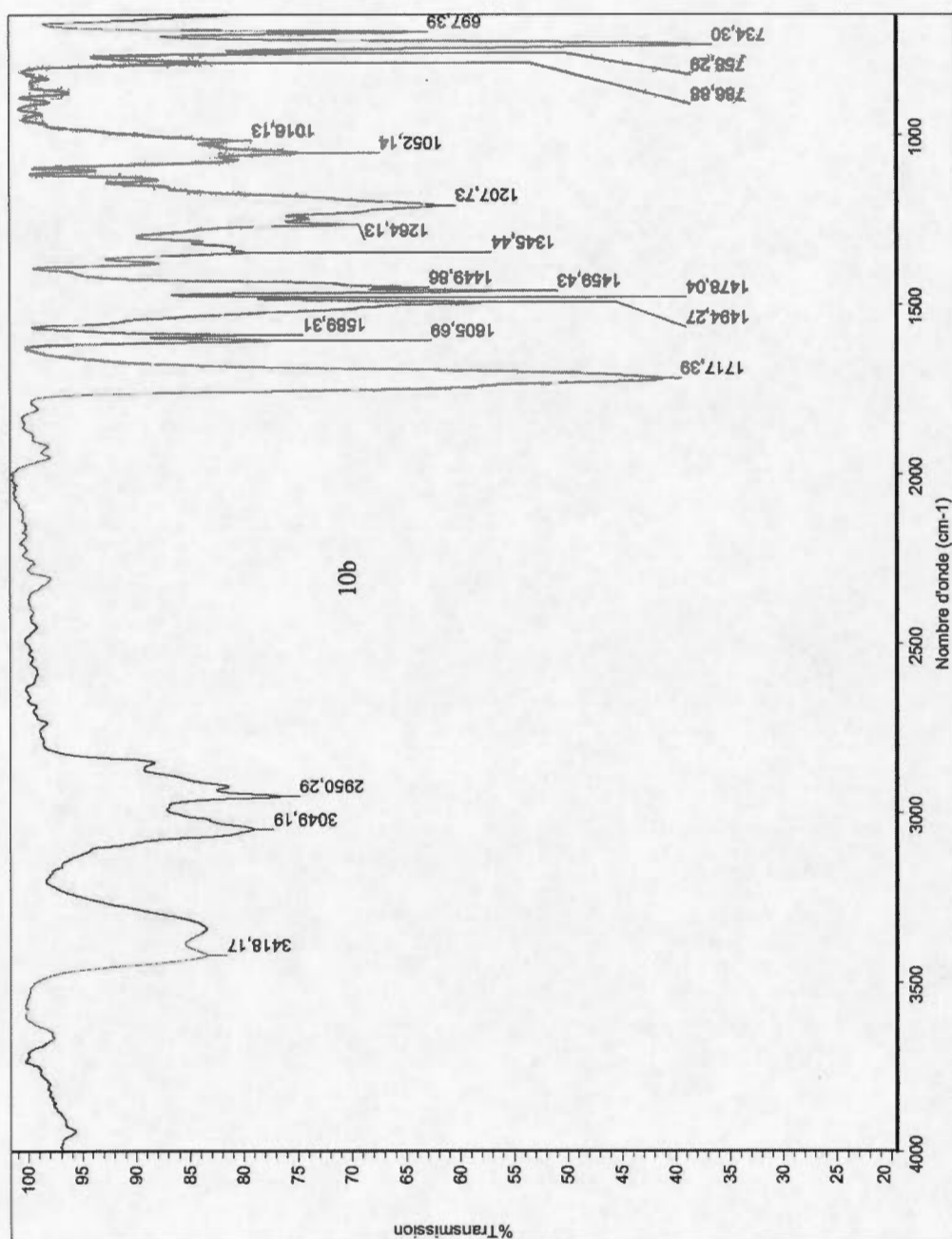












## ANNEXE G

### "COPPER-CATALYZED *O*-ARYLATION OF *N*-PROTECTED 1,2-AMINOALCOHOLS USING FUNCTIONALIZED TRIVALENT ORGANOBISMUTH REAGENTS" ARTICLE

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## Copper-catalyzed O-arylation of N-protected 1,2-aminoalcohols using functionalized trivalent organobismuth reagents†

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The O-arylation of 1,2-aminoalcohols using functionalized triaryl-bismuth reagents is reported. The reaction can be performed using substoichiometric amounts of copper acetate and operates under mild conditions. Good functional group tolerance is observed, giving access to a range of  $\beta$ -aryloxyamines. The effect provided by the amino group in the arylation reaction is investigated.

$\beta$ -Aryloxyamines are frequently found in natural products and in medically relevant compounds. For example, this moiety has been identified in shishididemniol A (1) and B (2), two natural products extracted from a tunicate of the family Didemnidae (Fig. 1).<sup>1</sup> Rosiglitazone (3), an antidiabetic drug, Ulimorelin (TZP-101, 4),<sup>2</sup> a ghrelin inhibitor that has advanced into phase-III clinical studies, and Mexiletine (5), an anti-arrhythmic drug, also contain a  $\beta$ -aryloxyamine. The importance of 1,2-aryloxyamines in drug discovery can be further exemplified with compounds 6–10 which are inhibitors of various biological targets for which advanced profiling has been performed.<sup>3–7</sup>

$\beta$ -Aryloxyamines can be accessed through  $S_NAr$  reactions between 1,2-aminoalcohols and electron poor aryl halides.<sup>8</sup> Alternatively, these compounds can also be prepared from the same precursors through the addition of phenols using Mitsunobu conditions<sup>9</sup> or via  $S_N2$  reactions on the corresponding mesylates or tosylates.<sup>10</sup> Even though these approaches are widely spread in the pharmaceutical industry, they are not free of limitations as they require the presence of electron withdrawing groups on the aryl unit ( $S_NAr$ ), necessitate the derivatization of the alcohol ( $S_N2$ ) or lead to the formation of side products that can complicate the isolation of the desired product (i.e. phosphine oxide and urea in the Mitsunobu reaction).

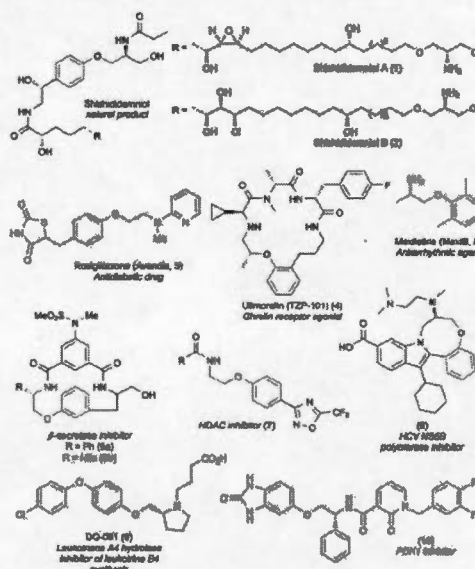


Fig. 1 Selected examples of  $\beta$ -aryloxyamines in natural products, drugs, and medicinal chemistry compounds.

The copper-catalyzed O-arylation of 1,2-aminoalcohols using aryl halides, as illustrated by the pioneering work of Buchwald<sup>11</sup> and Evano,<sup>12</sup> constitutes a highly efficient strategy for the preparation of  $\beta$ -aryloxyamines.<sup>13–15</sup> Surprisingly, the O-arylation of 1,2-aminoalcohols using arylmetals has been considerably less studied and to the best of our knowledge, the only example using this approach involved tetraphenylbismuth fluoride as the arylating source.<sup>16</sup>

We reported over the past few years a portfolio of C–C, C–N, and C–O bond forming reactions involving organobismuth reagents.<sup>17</sup> Organobismuthanes are an attractive class of

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organometallic reagents that can be easily prepared from inexpensive and non-toxic bismuth salts.<sup>18</sup> Triarylbismuthanes are air and moisture stable and can be purified by simple silica gel chromatography. In addition, organobismuthanes show remarkable functional group tolerance, making them ideal candidates for the development of methodologies oriented towards medicinal chemistry applications.

We recently disclosed a general copper-catalyzed *N*-arylation reaction of azoles and diazoles using triarylbismuth reagents.<sup>17a</sup> In the course of our studies, we found that the arylation of the hydroxypropylindole **11** using *tris-meta*-(methylphenyl)-bismuthane proceeded exclusively on the indole to afford **12**, suggesting that an alcohol cannot be arylated under these conditions (Scheme 1). However, when the *N*-BOC-tryptophanol derivative **13** was submitted to the same conditions, the product of bis-arylation **14** was isolated in moderate yield, suggesting that the amino group activates the alcohol towards the arylation. Moreover, the yield of this reaction could be greatly improved by using 2.0 equivalents of the bismuth reagent.

David and Thieffry reported in 1983 the effect of neighbouring hydroxylic groups on the arylation reaction of alcohols using triphenylbismuth diacetate but never explored the ability of nitrogen moieties in influencing this transformation.<sup>19</sup> In 1986, Barton briefly studied the arylation of ethanolamine using  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}(\text{OAc})_2$  and obtained a complex mixture of *N*-, *N,N*-, and *N,O*-arylation products.<sup>20</sup> These two reactions relied on pentavalent organobismuth reagents, which are usually less stable and more tedious to prepare than their trivalent counterparts. To our knowledge, the only example of *O*-arylation of alcohols using a trivalent bismuth reagent was reported in 1999 by Sheppard and required the use of oxone as a stoichiometric oxidizing agent.<sup>21</sup> We would like to report herein our study on the *O*-arylation of 1,2-aminoalcohols using functionalized triarylbismuthanes and our investigation into the accelerating effect provided by the amino group.

We began by optimizing the reaction conditions for the arylation of (–)-*N*-BOC- $\alpha$ -phenylglycinol **15**, a 1,2-aminoalcohol that does not possess an indolic scaffold. When this substrate was submitted to our previously identified conditions,<sup>17a</sup> the corresponding *O*-phenyl product **16** was iso-

Table 1 Optimization of the conditions for the *O*-arylation of *N*-BOC- $\alpha$ -phenylglycinol **15**

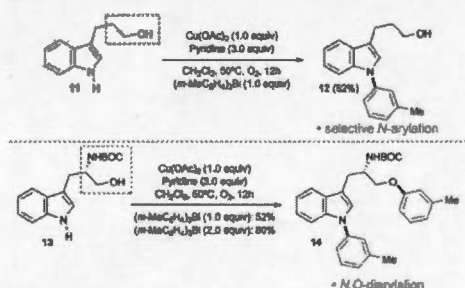
Entry	Change from "standard conditions"	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	No change	73
2	Ambient air instead of oxygen	49
3	0.7 equiv. $\text{Ph}_3\text{Bi}$ instead of 1.0	51
4	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ instead of pyridine	73
5	$\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ instead of pyridine	31
6	1.2 equiv. pyridine instead of 3.0	67
7	Toluene instead of $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	76
8 <sup>b</sup>	0.3 equiv. $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ instead of 1.0	62
9 <sup>b</sup>	0.3 equiv. $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ and 6 h instead of o.n.	58
10 <sup>b</sup>	0.3 equiv. $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ in toluene at 80 °C	71

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of pure product **16**. <sup>b</sup> 1.2 equiv. pyridine.

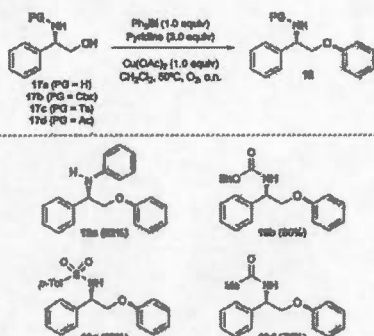
lated in 73% yield (Table 1, entry 1). Conducting the reaction under air led to a considerable reduction in the yield of the reaction, thus confirming the importance of the oxygen in this process (entry 2). To evaluate the transferability of the second aryl group from the triarylbismuthane, we next performed the reaction using 0.7 equivalent of triphenylbismuth and observed a substantial drop in the yield of **16**, demonstrating that only one aryl group can be transferred from the triarylbismuthane (entry 3). This phenomenon is well known in copper-catalyzed reactions involving organobismuth reagents<sup>17a,b</sup> and efforts to overcome this issue are in progress in our group. A rapid screen of different bases showed that pyridine can be replaced by triethylamine (entry 4) but not potassium carbonate (entry 5). Our studies also demonstrate that 1.2 equivalents of pyridine are sufficient to obtain an optimal yield of the arylated product (entry 6). A survey of different solvents led to the identification of toluene as the most efficient replacement for dichloromethane (entry 7). We next directed our efforts towards lowering the catalyst loading and found a moderate reduction in the yield of the arylation process upon using 0.3 equivalent of copper acetate (entry 8). In addition, reducing the reaction time to 6 hours instead of overnight provided the desired compound in similar yield (entry 9). Finally, a good yield could be obtained under catalytic conditions by conducting the reaction in toluene at 80 °C overnight (entry 10).

The ability of other amine protecting groups in enhancing the reactivity of the alcohol towards arylation was then explored (Scheme 2). Performing the reaction directly on the unprotected phenylglycinol afforded the *N,O*-diaryl product **18a**, indicating that the amino group must imperatively be protected to prevent the undesired *N*-arylation pathway. A survey of different amine protecting groups demonstrated that a benzyloxycarbonyl group (**18b**) and a sulfonyl (**18c**) give slightly higher yields of the desired *O*-aryl product than an acetyl (**18d**).

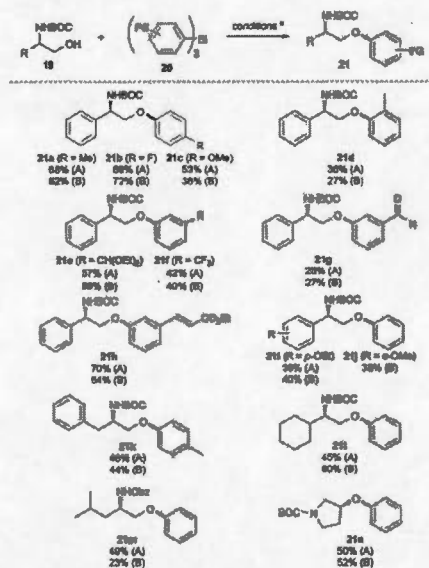
The scope of the reaction was then investigated by coupling different functionalized triarylbismuthanes with various 1,2-aminoalcohols (Scheme 3). The *tert*-butoxycarbonyl (BOC) and



Scheme 1 *N*- vs. *O*-Arylation of 3-(3-hydroxypropyl)-1*H*-indole **11** and *N*-BOC-tryptophanol **13**.



Scheme 2 Impact of the protecting group on the arylation of *N*-protected phenylglycinol derivatives. PG = Protecting Group.



Scheme 3 O-Arylation of 1,2-aminoalcohols using functionalized organobismuthanes. <sup>a</sup> Conditions A:  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$  (1.0 equiv.), pyridine (1.2 equiv.),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.3 equiv.), toluene,  $80^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ , o.n.; Conditions B:  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$  (1.0 equiv.), pyridine (3.0 equiv.),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (1.0 equiv.),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $50^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ , o.n.

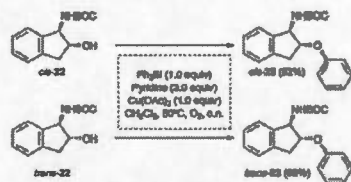
benzyloxycarbonyl (Cbz) protecting groups were selected for their ease of installation and removal. The organobismuth reagents were synthesized according to procedures that we reported previously<sup>17a,d</sup> and the protocols involving catalytic (Table 1, entry 10: conditions A) and stoichiometric (Table 1, entry 1: conditions B) amount of copper acetate were utilized. As expected, the introduction of a methyl group at the *para* position of the triarylbi-muthane had little impact on the arylation

process and afforded the corresponding O-aryl product 21a in a reasonable yield using either conditions A or B. The transfer of an aryl group bearing an electron-withdrawing group such as a fluorine atom at the *para* position proceeded equally well, providing compound 21b in 72% yield under conditions B. However, introducing an electron-donating group such as a methoxy at the *para* position led to a considerable drop in the efficiency of the process, as indicated by compound 21c. The reaction also proved to be very sensitive to steric hindrance, as shown by compound 21d where a methyl group is present at the *ortho* position of the aryl group being transferred. This phenomenon is not unprecedented and was observed previously in the context of our studies on the copper-catalyzed *N*-arylation of indoles<sup>17a</sup> and phenols.<sup>17b</sup> Unexpectedly, the effect of the *ortho* methyl group in the arylation reaction was found to be much higher with alcohols than with azoles and phenols. Next, we investigated the transfer of an aryl fragment possessing a diethylacetal and a trifluoromethyl group at the *meta* position and obtained the corresponding O-arylated products 21e and 21f in modest yields. Surprisingly, a much lower yield was observed when tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuth was utilized as the arylating agent, as indicated by compound 21g. This is a sharp contrast to the results that we obtained with this organobismuthane in the arylation of azoles<sup>17a</sup> and phenols<sup>17b</sup> where the corresponding arylated products were obtained in excellent yields. The transfer of a phenyl group bearing an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester at the *meta* position proved more efficient, affording compound 21h in 70% yield under conditions A.

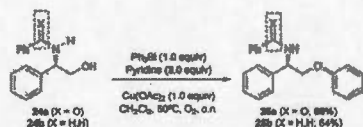
We then turned our attention to substrates where the phenyl group of phenylglycinol is substituted or replaced by an alkyl group. For instance, the *para*-ethoxy and *ortho*-methoxy derivatives 21i and 21j were obtained in moderate yields using this protocol. To our surprise, the insertion of a methylene unit between the phenyl group and the aminoalcohol segment led to an unexpected drop in the yield of the reaction (21a  $\rightarrow$  21k). Interestingly, products 21l and 21m where the phenyl group is replaced by a cyclohexyl or an *iso*-butyl moiety were successfully prepared using this method. Lastly, the arylation could also be performed on a secondary alcohol, as demonstrated by compound 21n.

In order to understand the role of the amino group in the arylation process, we performed a series of control experiments where specific geometric and functional modifications are introduced in the substrate. We first hypothesized that the NHBOC function could be promoting the O-arylation reaction through complexation of the copper species via the carbonyl moiety of the carbamate. To test this hypothesis, we compared the reactivity of the *cis*- and *trans*-*N*-BOC-indanol derivatives *cis*-22 and *trans*-22 using conditions B (Scheme 4). In the event, a higher yield was observed for the *trans* stereoisomer, suggesting that the accelerating effect provided by the amino group is not a result of a complexation of metallic intermediates by the carbonyl group.

To further investigate the hypothesis that the C=O bond of the carbamate could be directing the reaction through com-



Scheme 4 Study of the effect of the conformational effect in the O-arylation of *N*-BOC-1-amino-2-indanol 22.



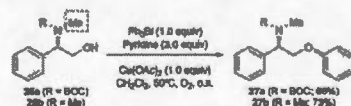
Scheme 5 Comparison of *N*-benzoyl 24a and *N*-benzyl 24b protecting groups in the copper-catalyzed arylation of *N*-protected phenylglycine.

plexation of the copper species, we compared the reactivity of the *N*-benzoyl and *N*-benzyl derivatives 24a and 24b of phenylglycine in the arylation reaction (Scheme 5). Should there be a complexation involved, it would be reasonable to expect a much greater yield with the benzoyl compound 24a than with the benzyl analogue 24b. To our surprise, similar yields of the *O*-aryl products were obtained with both derivatives, thus invalidating our complexation hypothesis.

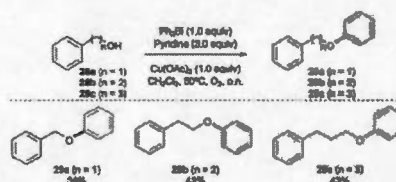
We then hypothesized that the amide N–H bond could be responsible for the acceleration of the arylation reaction through formation of copper species where the amide acts as a ligand. To test this hypothesis, we performed the arylation reaction using the *N*-methyl derivatives 26a and 26b and observed a good conversion to the corresponding *O*-aryl products 27a,b, thus discrediting this second hypothesis (Scheme 6).

In order to better evaluate the importance of the amino group in the reaction, we then performed the arylation on phenethylalcohol 28b, a simple alcohol with no amino group and observed a 30% drop in the yield of the reaction compared to phenylglycine 15 (Scheme 7). This result clearly indicates that the  $\beta$ -amino group has a dramatic effect on the arylation process. The arylation of benzyl alcohol 28a and 3-phenyl-1-propanol 28c provided the corresponding *O*-phenyl ethers 29a and 29c in similar yields as 28b.

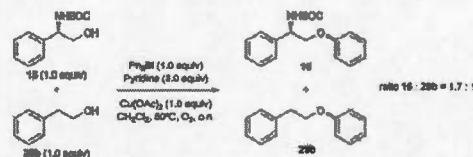
To evaluate the difference in reactivity between simple alcohols and 1,2-aminoalcohols more accurately, we next performed a competition experiment between *N*-BOC-



Scheme 6 Arylation of *N*-BOC-*N*-methyl and *N,N*-dimethyl phenylglycine derivatives 26a and 26b.



Scheme 7 *O*-Arylation of benzyl alcohol 28a, phenethyl alcohol 28b, and 3-phenyl-1-propanol 28c.

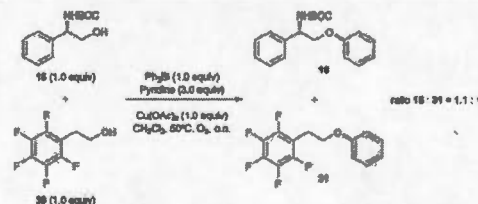


Scheme 8 Competition studies between phenethylalcohol 28b and *N*-BOC-phenylglycine 15.

phenylglycine 15 and phenethylalcohol 28b (Scheme 8). After 16 hours, the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  analysis of the crude mixture indicated a ratio of *O*-phenyl-*N*-BOC phenylglycine 16 over 29b of 1.7 : 1.0, suggesting that an aminoalcohol is more reactive than a simple alcohol.

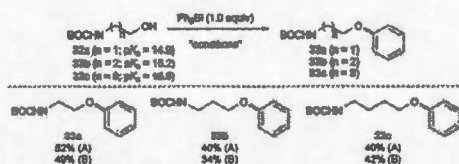
We then postulated that the difference in reactivity between 1,2-aminoalcohols and simple alcohols could derive from an inductive effect generated by the  $\beta$ -amino group, effectively lowering the  $\text{p}K_a$  of the alcohol moiety. To test this hypothesis, we performed a second competition experiment between *N*-BOC-phenylglycine 15 and pentafluorophenethylalcohol 30 (Scheme 9). After 16 hours, the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  analysis of the crude mixture showed a ratio of the *O*-phenyl-*N*-BOC phenylglycine 16 over *O*-phenylpentafluorophenethyl ether 31 of 1.1 : 1.0, thus demonstrating that the pentafluoroalcohol 30 has a similar reactivity than *N*-BOC-phenylglycine 15 and therefore suggesting that the presence of electron-withdrawing groups increases the reactivity of an alcohol.

To furnish further evidence of this effect, the aqueous  $\text{p}K_a$  values for alcohols 15, 28b, and 30 were calculated using a recent method reported by Pulay *et al.*<sup>22</sup> The calculations were carried out using ORCA 3.0.1.<sup>24</sup> These values were calculated to be 15.8



Scheme 9 Competition studies between 2-(pentafluorophenyl)ethanol 30 and *N*-BOC-phenylglycine 15.





Scheme 10 O-Arylation of *N*-BOC-ethanolamine 32a, 3-(*N*-BOC-amino)-1-propanol 32b, and 4-(*N*-BOC-amino)-1-butanol 32c. Conditions A:  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$  (1.0 equiv.), pyridine (1.2 equiv.),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.3 equiv.), toluene, 80 °C,  $\text{O}_2$  o.n.; Conditions B:  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$  (1.0 equiv.), pyridine (3.0 equiv.),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (1.0 equiv.),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 50 °C,  $\text{O}_2$  o.n.

for 15, 17.3 for 28b, and 15.6 for 30. These values are in line with the relative reactivities illustrated in Schemes 8 and 9, thus supporting the inductive effect hypothesis.

To further support our hypothesis, we performed the O-arylation of aminoalcohols 32a–c where the distance between the amino group and the alcohol is systematically increased by one methylene unit (Scheme 10). The results indicate that the yield is higher for *N*-BOC-ethanolamine 32a which has the lowest  $\text{pK}_a$ . The yield then decreases as the  $\text{pK}_a$  increases, as shown by products 32b and 32c.

The results from Schemes 7–10 support our hypothesis that an amino group in  $\beta$ -position relative to an alcohol accelerates the O-arylation reaction mainly via an inductive effect.

## Conclusions

In summary, we have developed a copper-catalyzed O-arylation reaction of 1,2-aminoalcohols using functionalized triarylbi-muthanes. The reaction is promoted by catalytic amounts of copper acetate and tolerates a variety of substituents on the organobismuthane, giving access to functionalized  $\beta$ -aryloxy-amines. Different protecting groups can be used on the amino-alcohol, such as BOC, Cbz, Ac, and Ts. Finally, we demonstrated that the presence of an amino group in  $\beta$  relative to the alcohol provides an increase in reactivity, probably through inductive effect. The application of this protocol to the arylation of other hydroxy-containing substrates is in progress in our group and results will be reported in due course.

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## ANNEXE H

### "COPPER-CATALYZED *O*-ARYLATION OF *N*-PROTECTED 1,2-AMINOALCOHOLS USING FUNCTIONALIZED TRIVALENT ORGANOBISMUTH REAGENTS" SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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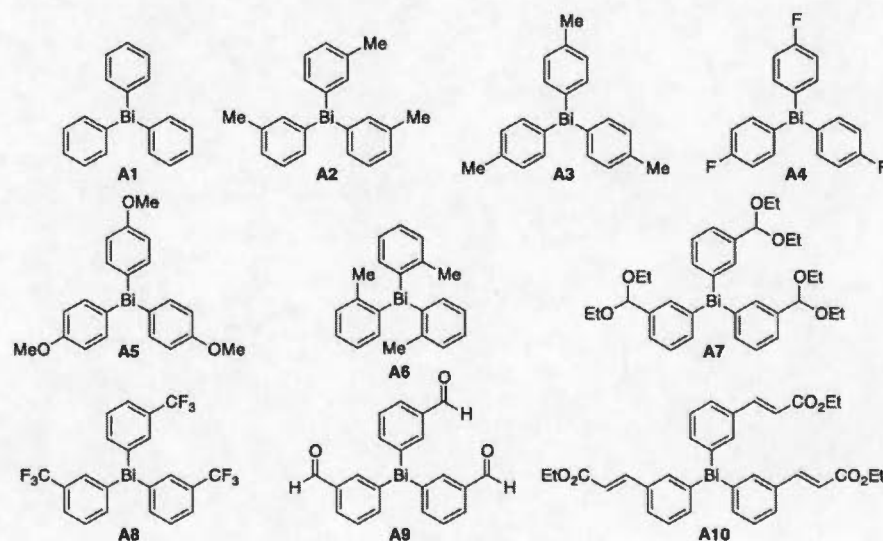
### 1. General information

Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were run under argon in non-flame dried glassware. For reactions performed under oxygen, 99.6% extra dry oxygen was used. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents were used without further purification. Grignard reagents were prepared by conventional methods using metallic magnesium or via Knochel's procedure.<sup>1</sup> Triphenylbismuth and anhydrous bismuth chloride 99.999% were purchased from Strem Chemicals. Triarylbismuthanes were prepared according to procedures that we previously reported.<sup>2,3,4</sup> Anhydrous solvents were obtained using a MBRAUN (model MB-SPS 800) encapsulated solvent purification system. The evolution of reactions was monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography using silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates. Flash chromatography was performed employing 230-400 mesh silica (Silicycle) using the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques.<sup>5</sup> Melting points were taken on an Electrothermal Mel-TEMP and are uncorrected. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C) were recorded on a Bruker Avance-III 300MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform,  $\delta$  7.27 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, s(br) = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qt = quintuplet, dd = doublet of doublet, m = multiplet), coupling constant *J* in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane using the central peak of deuteriochloroform ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm) as the internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet 6700 PT-IR from thin films and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). HRMS were performed at Université du Québec à Montréal (nanoQAM center) on Agilent Technologies, LC 1200 Series / 6210 TOF LCMS analyzer using the electrospray (ESI) mode.

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## 2. Triarylbismuthanes used in the *O*-arylation of *N*-protected 1,2-aminoalcohols

The organobismuthanes used in this publication are illustrated in **Figure S1**.

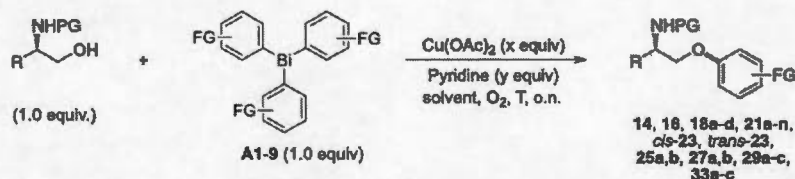


**Figure S1.** Functionalized organobismuthanes used in this publication. Triphenylbismuth was purchased from Strem. Organobismuthanes A3, A4, A6, A7, A9 were synthesized according to: P. Petiot and A. Gagnon, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, **2013**, 5282. Organobismuthanes A2, A5, A8, A10 were synthesized according to: P. Petiot, J. Dansereau and A. Gagnon, *RSC Adv.*, **2014**, 22255.

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### 3. General procedures for the *O*-arylation of aminoalcohols

Compounds **14**, **16**, **18a-d**, **21a-n**, *cis*-**23**, *trans*-**23**, **25a,b**, **27a,b**, **29a-c** and **33a-c** were prepared according to the following procedures:



**Table S1.** Reaction conditions: Method A and B.

Method	Amino-alcohol (n equiv)	Ar <sub>3</sub> Bi (A) (m equiv)	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (x equiv)	Pyridine (y equiv)	Solvent	Temperature
<b>A</b>	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.2	toluene	80°C
<b>B</b>	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	dichloromethane	50°C

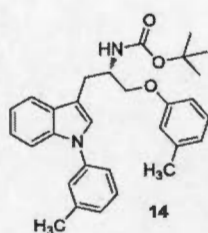
**Method A:** In a sealed tube, triaryl bismuthine **A** (1.0 equiv) was added, followed by copper (II) acetate (0.3 equiv) and the aminoalcohol (1.0 equiv). The reagents were dissolved in anhydrous toluene (4 mL) and pyridine (1.2 equiv) was added to the mixture. The reaction tube was purged with dry oxygen for 30 seconds, sealed and heated at 80°C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., transferred and rinsed with EtOAc in a round bottom flask. Silica gel was added and the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using the indicated eluent system to give the corresponding product.

**Method B:** Idem as method **A** except for copper (II) acetate (1.0 equiv instead of 0.3 equiv), pyridine (3.0 equiv instead of 1.2 equiv), in dichloromethane at 50°C.

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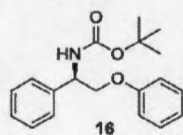
#### 4. Characterization of products

##### (*S*)-*tert*-Butyl-(1-(1-(*m*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-3-(*m*-tolylloxy)propan-2-yl)carbamate (**14**)



Method B was followed on a 0.17 mmol scale starting from *N*-BOC-tryptophanol **13** and **A2**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **14** as a yellow oil (42 mg, 53%);  $R_f$  0.65 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.02 (m, 7H), 6.71–6.62 (m, 3H), 4.98 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (s(br), 1H), 3.86 (qd,  $J = 9.2, 3.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.13–3.10 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.9, 155.6, 139.7, 136.1, 129.4, 129.3, 127.0, 126.9, 124.8, 122.6, 122.0, 121.2, 120.2, 119.5, 115.6, 113.0, 111.6, 110.7, 68.1, 50.6, 28.6, 27.3, 21.6, 21.5; IR (neat) 3403, 3048, 2978, 2921, 2860, 1712, 1693, 1605, 1493, 1160; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 470.2569, found 493.2457 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

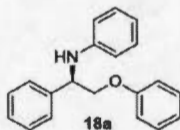
##### (*R*)-*tert*-Butyl-(2-phenoxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (**16**)



Method B was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A1**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **16** as a yellow solid (48 mg, 73%); m.p. 82°C. Spectral data was identical to literature<sup>6</sup>:  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34–7.26 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 3H), 6.89 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 5.26 (s(br), 1H), 4.99 (s(br), 1H), 4.19–4.08 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H).

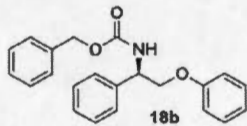
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**(*R*)-*N*-(2-Phenoxy-1-phenylethyl)aniline (18a)**



Method B was followed on a 0.36 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-2-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)ethanol **17a** and **A1**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18a** as a white solid (65 mg, 62%): m.p. 124°C;  $R_f$  0.66 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60-6.57 (m, 2H), 4.74 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (s(br), 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 8.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.4, 147.5, 140.2, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 127.8, 127.0, 121.4, 118.0, 114.8, 114.1, 72.0, 58.2; IR (neat) 3405, 3056, 3026, 2922, 2850, 1598, 1496, 1453, 1234, 1173, 748, 690; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ : 289.1467, found 290.1548 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ). To further confirm the chemoselectivity of the reaction and the structure of the compound, we compared the data with the *N,N*-diphenyl isomer from the literature and found the two compounds to be different.<sup>7</sup>

**(*R*)-Benzyl (2-phenoxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (18b)**

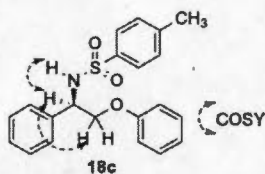


Method B was followed on a 0.18 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-benzyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **17b** and **A1**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **18b** as a white solid (50 mg, 80%): m.p. 84°C;  $R_f$  0.40 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38-7.21 (m, 12H), 6.92 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s(br), 1H), 5.13-5.03 (m, 3H), 4.24-4.14 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.3, 156.0, 139.5, 136.4, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 126.9, 121.4, 114.7, 70.4, 67.1, 54.5; IR (neat) 3403, 3324, 3063, 3032, 2937, 1698, 1599, 1496, 1456, 1239, 1050, 753, 696; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ : 347.1521, found 348.1595 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).



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**(*R*)-4-Methyl-*N*-(2-phenoxy-1-phenylethyl)benzenesulfonamide (18c)**



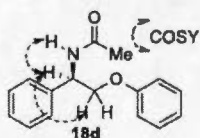
Method B was followed on a 0.17 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*N*-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)-4-methyl-*S*-methylenebenzenesulfinamide

17c and A1. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10%

EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 18c as a colorless oil (48 mg, 77%);  $R_f$  0.31 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 7H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81-6.79 (m, 2H), 5.37 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (q,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.06 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.8, 143.3, 137.4, 137.2, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.1, 127.3, 121.5, 114.5, 70.4, 57.1, 21.5; IR (neat) 3305, 3075, 3050, 2983, 2925, 1740, 1373, 1235, 1044, 754, 691; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ : 367.1242, found 390.1139 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ). The connectivity was further confirmed by COSY-NMR analysis, demonstrating that the *O*-phenyl isomer has been formed.

**(*R*)-*N*-(2-Phenoxy-1-phenylethyl)acetamide (18d)**



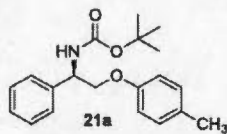
Method B was followed on a 0.28 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*N*-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)acetamide 17d and A1. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 18d as a yellow oil (51

mg, 71%);  $R_f$  0.10 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.03 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.49-5.43 (m, 1H), 4.35-4.26 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.7, 158.4, 139.3, 129.6, 128.7, 127.8, 127.1, 121.4, 114.7, 69.9, 52.5, 23.4; IR (neat) 3438, 3285, 3061, 3028, 2920, 2859, 1650, 1599, 1494, 1453, 1238, 751, 690; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ : 255.1259, found 256.1310 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ). The connectivity was further confirmed by COSY-NMR analysis, demonstrating that the *O*-phenyl isomer has been formed.



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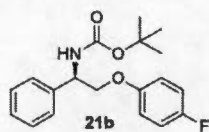
**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (1-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolxyloxy)ethyl)carbamate (21a)**



Method A was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A3**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21a** as a colorless oil

(47 mg, 68%):  $R_f$  0.55 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (s(br), 1H), 5.05 (s(br), 1H), 4.24–4.12 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.3, 155.4, 140.0, 130.5, 130.0, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 114.6, 79.8, 70.8, 28.4, 20.5; IR (neat) 3463, 3339, 3081, 3031, 2976, 2926, 2869, 1697, 1509, 1365, 1236, 1164, 1047, 699; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$ : 327.1834, found 350.1717 (M+Na).

**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (2-(4-fluorophenoxy)-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (21b)**

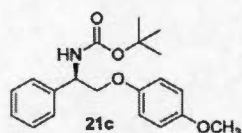


Method B was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A4**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21b** as a yellow solid

(50 mg, 72%): m.p. 86°C;  $R_f$  0.57 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39–7.26 (m, 5H), 6.98–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.79 (m, 2H), 5.28 (s(br), 1H), 5.04 (s(br), 1H), 4.22–4.12 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.1, 156.0, 155.3, 154.6, 139.7, 128.6, 127.7, 126.8, 116.0, 115.8, 115.7, 79.9, 71.3, 28.4; IR (neat) 3445, 3018, 2979, 2931, 1704, 1506, 1367, 1215, 1165, 907, 751, 731; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_3$ : 331.1584, found 354.1476 (M+Na).

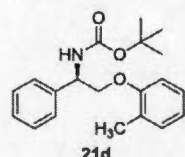
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**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (21c)**



Method A was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A5**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21c** as a yellow oil (38 mg, 53%);  $R_f$  0.43 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40–7.26 (m, 5H), 6.82 (s, 4H), 5.33 (s(br), 1H), 5.02 (s(br), 1H), 4.21–4.10 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 154.2, 152.6, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 115.7, 114.7, 79.8, 71.5, 64.9, 55.8, 28.4; IR (neat) 3456, 3345, 3100, 3063, 2975, 2932, 2834, 1701, 1505, 1461, 1227, 1162, 1032, 699; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4$ : 343.1784, found 366.1665 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

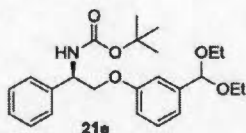
**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (1-phenyl-2-(*o*-tolylloxy)ethyl)carbamate (21d)**



Method A was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A6**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21d** as a yellow solid (25 mg, 36%); m.p. 100°C;  $R_f$  0.54 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 2H), 6.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s(br), 1H), 5.11 (s(br), 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.16–4.11 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.4, 155.4, 139.8, 130.8, 128.5, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 120.9, 111.0, 79.8, 70.8, 29.7, 28.4, 16.3; IR (neat) 3341, 3063, 3031, 2976, 2926, 2853, 1703, 1495, 1243, 1169, 750; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$ : 327.1834, found 350.1717 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

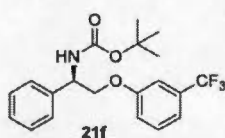
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**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (2-(3-(diethoxymethyl)phenoxy)-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (21e)**



Method A was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A7**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21e** as a colorless oil (50 mg, 57%):  $R_f$  0.29 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44–7.39 (m, 4H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.86 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s(br), 1H), 4.30–4.19 (m, 2H), 3.70–3.51 (m, 4H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.5, 155.4, 140.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 119.6, 114.6, 112.7, 101.3, 79.8, 70.6, 61.1, 31.6, 28.4, 22.7, 15.2, 14.1, 11.5; IR (neat) 3344, 3078, 3065, 2976, 2931, 2729, 1692, 1597, 1259, 1166, 1050; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{33}\text{NO}_5$ : 415.2359, found 438.2245 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

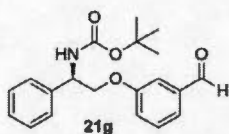
**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (1-phenyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy)ethyl)carbamate (21f)**



Method A was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A8**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21f** as a yellow oil (34 mg, 42%):  $R_f$  0.54 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40–7.30 (m, 6H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 2H), 5.25 (s(br), 1H), 5.08 (s(br), 1H), 4.30–4.21 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.5, 155.3, 139.4, 132.5, 132.1, 131.7, 131.3, 130.0, 128.7, 127.8, 126.8, 125.7, 122.1, 118.0, 111.6, 80.0, 70.9, 28.3; IR (neat) 3473, 3329, 3079, 3033, 2978, 2931, 1703, 1493, 1452, 1238, 1167, 1126, 698; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ : 381.1552, found 404.1446 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

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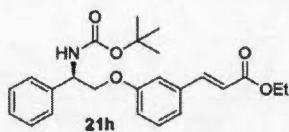
**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (2-(3-formylphenoxy)-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (21g)**



Method B was followed on a 0.21 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A9**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21g** as a colorless

oil (19 mg, 27%):  $R_f$  0.26 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.95 (s, 1H), 7.48–7.26 (m, 8H), 7.15 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s(br), 1H), 5.08 (s(br), 1H), 4.31–4.19 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.0, 159.0, 155.3, 139.4, 137.8, 130.2, 128.7, 127.8, 126.8, 123.9, 121.8, 113.2, 80.0, 70.9, 53.9, 28.4; IR (neat) 3355, 3085, 3056, 2976, 2931, 2740, 1689, 1596, 1585, 1484, 1451, 1251, 1164, 1050; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4$ : 341.1627, found 364.1529 (M+Na).

**(*R,E*)-Ethyl 3-(3-(2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-phenylethoxy)phenyl)acrylate (21h)**

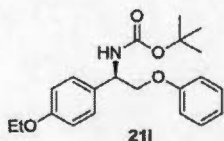


Method A was followed on a 0.08 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate **15** and **A10**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to

afford **21h** as a colorless oil (23 mg, 70%):  $R_f$  0.30 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.26 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.91 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s(br), 1H), 5.08 (s(br), 1H), 4.30–4.16 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.34 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.9, 158.8, 155.3, 144.3, 135.9, 129.9, 128.7, 127.8, 126.8, 121.4, 118.8, 116.7, 113.7, 80.0, 70.7, 60.5, 28.4, 14.3; IR (neat) 3351, 3071, 3048, 2977, 2932, 1700, 1637, 1579, 1492, 1445, 1365, 1245, 1159, 1030; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_5$ : 411.2046, found 434.1941 (M+Na).

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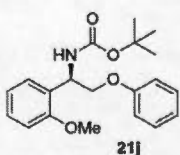
**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (1-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-2-phenoxyethyl)carbamate (21i)**



Method B was followed on a 0.18 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (1-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)carbamate and **A1**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21i** as

a white solid (26 mg, 40%): m.p. 125°C;  $R_f$  0.40 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34–7.27 (m, 4H), 6.98 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.93–6.87 (m, 4H), 5.29 (s(br), 1H), 5.02 (s(br), 1H), 4.25–4.20 (m, 1H), 4.17–4.15 (m, 1H), 4.04 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.46–1.41 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.4, 155.4, 131.8, 129.5, 128.0, 121.2, 115.4, 114.6, 114.5, 79.8, 70.6, 63.5, 28.4, 14.9; IR (neat) 3350, 3065, 3034, 2977, 2930, 2875, 1694, 1501, 1496, 1238, 1164, 1046, 754.

**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenoxyethyl)carbamate (21j)**

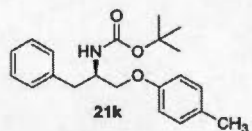


Method B was followed on a 0.13 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)carbamate and **A1**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21j** as a white solid

(17 mg, 38%): m.p. 104°C;  $R_f$  0.38 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.89 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 3.7$  Hz, 3H), 5.62 (s(br), 1H), 5.39 (s(br), 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J = 9.5, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.17–4.12 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.6, 156.8, 155.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 120.9, 120.7, 115.3, 114.7, 110.6, 79.6, 69.4, 55.3, 50.8, 28.4; IR (neat) 3444, 3361, 3061, 3038, 2975, 2933, 2837, 1701, 1600, 1492, 1461, 1365, 1240, 1166, 752.

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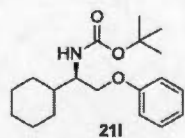
**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (1-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyloxy)propan-2-yl)carbamate (21k)**



Method A was followed on a 0.20 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate and A3. The crude material

was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21k** as a yellow solid (33 mg, 48%): m.p. 69°C;  $R_f$  0.54 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (s(br), 1H), 4.17 (s(br), 1H), 3.92–3.84 (m, 2H), 3.02 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.5, 155.3, 137.9, 130.3, 130.0, 129.5, 128.5, 126.5, 114.4, 79.5, 67.8, 51.4, 37.8, 28.4, 20.5; IR (neat) 3452, 3350, 3061, 3028, 2976, 2925, 2868, 1710, 1510, 1238, 1165, 1039, 700; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3$ : 341.1991, found 364.1879 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl (1-cyclohexyl-2-phenoxyethyl)carbamate (21l)**



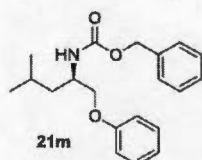
Method A was followed on a 0.20 mmol scale starting from *tert*-butyl (1R)-1-cyclohexyl-2-hydroxyethylcarbamate and A1. The crude material was purified on silica gel (8% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21l** as a white solid (39 mg, 60%):

m.p. 130°C;  $R_f$  0.31 (10% AcOEt/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31–7.26 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.93 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.88 (m, 2H), 4.85 (d,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74–3.68 (m, 1H), 1.89–1.66 (m, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.26–1.01 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.8, 155.8, 129.5, 120.9, 114.5, 79.2, 67.7, 54.5, 39.0, 29.9, 29.3, 28.4, 26.3, 26.1, 24.7; IR (neat) 3392, 3008, 2965, 2931, 2847, 1686, 1601, 1498, 1467, 1239, 1167, 1152, 753, 692; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3$ : 319.2147, found 342.2025 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).



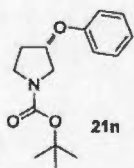
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**Benzyl (*R*)-(4-methyl-1-phenoxypentan-2-yl)carbamate (21m)**



Method A was followed on a 0.20 mmol scale starting from benzyl (*R*)-(1-hydroxy-4-methylpentan-2-yl)carbamate and **A1**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21m** as a colorless oil (32 mg, 49%):  $R_f$  0.55 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41-7.29 (m, 7H), 7.03-6.88 (m, 3H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 5.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19-3.97 (m, 3H), 1.80-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.00 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.7, 156.0, 136.5, 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 128.1, 121.0, 115.3, 114.5, 69.8, 66.8, 48.9, 41.0, 36.7, 24.8, 23.0, 22.3; IR (neat) 3324, 3065, 3038, 2955, 2869, 1695, 1599, 1513, 1496, 1237, 753; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$ : 327.1834, found 328.1922 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

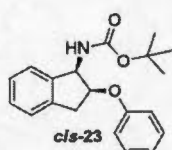
**(*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 3-phenoxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (21n)**



Method B was followed on a 0.27 mmol scale starting from (*S*)-*tert*-butyl 3-hydroxypyrrolidine-1-carboxylate and **A1**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **21n** as a yellow oil (37 mg, 52%):  $R_f$  0.46 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.65-3.55 (m, 4H), 2.18-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.2, 154.6, 129.6, 121.1, 115.6, 79.4, 76.3, 75.5, 51.7, 51.4, 44.1, 43.8, 31.5, 30.8, 28.5; IR (neat) 3069, 3038, 2975, 2881, 1690, 1599, 1587, 1494, 1401, 1364, 1237, 1164, 752; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ : 263.1521, found 286.1420 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

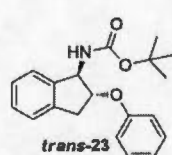
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***tert*-Butyl ((1*R*,2*S*)-2-phenoxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)carbamate (*cis*-23)**



Method B was followed on a 0.20 mmol scale starting from *tert*-butyl ((1*R*,2*S*)-2-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)carbamate *cis*-22 and A1. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford *cis*-23 as a yellow solid (34 mg, 52%): m.p. 106°C;  $R_f$  0.57 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30-7.12 (m, 6H), 6.91-6.81 (m, 3H), 5.40-5.35 (m, 1H), 5.28-5.25 (m, 1H), 5.07 (s(br), 1H), 3.08 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.6, 156.2, 141.7, 139.4, 129.6, 128.0, 127.2, 125.1, 124.1, 121.3, 115.8, 79.7, 78.8, 58.0, 36.9, 28.4; IR (neat) 3471, 3359, 3098, 3061, 2981, 2929, 1695, 1598, 1495, 1243, 1171, 1061; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ : 325.1678, found 348.1578 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

***tert*-Butyl ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-phenoxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)carbamate (*trans*-23)**

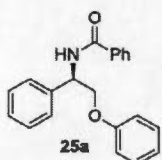


Method B was followed on a 0.20 mmol scale starting from *tert*-butyl ((1*R*,2*R*)-2-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-yl)carbamate *trans*-22 and A1. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford *trans*-23 as a white solid (45 mg, 69%): m.p. 115°C;  $R_f$  0.46 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.06-6.98 (m, 3H), 5.32 (s(br), 1H), 4.96-4.91 (m, 1H), 4.84 (s(br), 1H), 3.51 (dd,  $J = 16.4, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd,  $J = 16.4, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.0, 155.4, 140.6, 139.9, 129.5, 128.6, 127.4, 125.1, 124.6, 121.1, 115.8, 83.8, 79.8, 61.4, 36.9, 28.4; IR (neat) 3338, 3089, 3050, 2974, 2875, 1689, 1519, 1493, 1235, 1166, 1055, 746; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ : 325.1678, found 348.1562 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).



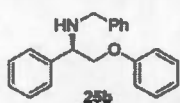
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**(*R*)-*N*-(2-Phenoxy-1-phenylethyl)benzamide (25a)**



Method B was followed on a 0.083 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*N*-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)benzamide **24a** and **A1**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **25a** as a white solid (18 mg, 68%): m.p. 123°C;  $R_f$  0.25 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.26 (m, 9H), 7.01–6.92 (m, 4H), 5.64–5.58 (m, 1H), 4.42–4.33 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.1, 158.4, 139.3, 131.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.1, 127.0, 121.5, 114.7, 70.0, 52.9; IR (neat) 3446, 3295, 3061, 3030, 2925, 2873, 1634, 1537, 1491, 1239, 1042, 691; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ : 317.1416, found 318.1478 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

**(*R*)-*N*-Benzyl-2-phenoxy-1-phenylethanamine (25b)**

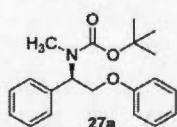


Method B was followed on a 0.22 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-2-(benzylamino)-2-phenylethanol **24b** and **A1**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **25b** as a yellow oil (43 mg, 64%):  $R_f$  0.60 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.24 (m, 10H), 6.99–6.88 (m, 3H), 4.21 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.10–3.99 (m, 2H), 3.78 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d,  $J = 13.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s(br), 1H);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  7.51–7.26 (m, 12H), 6.97–6.92 (m, 3H), 4.10–4.03 (m, 3H), 3.68 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s(br), 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.6, 140.5, 140.1, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9, 121.0, 114.7, 72.8, 61.8, 51.4; IR (neat) 3304, 3057, 3023, 2912, 2848, 1597, 1494, 1448, 1323, 1238, 1144, 752; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$ : 303.1623, found 304.1700 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ). To further confirm the chemoselectivity of the reaction and the structure of the

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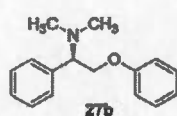
compound, we compared the data with the *N*-phenyl isomer from the literature and found the two compounds to be different.<sup>8</sup>

**(*R*)-*tert*-Butyl methyl(2-phenoxy-1-phenylethyl)carbamate (27a)**



Method B was followed on a 0.20 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)(methyl)carbamate **26a** and **A1**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **27a** as a yellow oil (43 mg, 66%);  $R_f$  0.60 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40–7.26 (m, 7H), 7.00–6.94 (m, 3H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.48–4.36 (m, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.5, 138.0, 129.5, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 121.2, 114.8, 79.9, 67.0, 29.7, 28.4; IR (neat) 3063, 3031, 2975, 2928, 1690, 1599, 1496, 1390, 1243, 1146, 754; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$ : 327.1834, found 350.1720 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

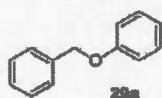
**(*R*)-*N,N*-Dimethyl-2-phenoxy-1-phenylethanamine (27b)**



Method B was followed on a 0.24 mmol scale starting from (*R*)-2-(dimethylamino)-2-phenylethanol **26b** and **A1**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **27b** as a yellow oil (42 mg, 73%);  $R_f$  0.32 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.33 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.30–7.21 (m, 3H), 6.93–6.85 (m, 3H), 4.30 (dd,  $J = 10.0, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd,  $J = 10.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.60 (t,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.7, 139.4, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 120.9, 114.8, 69.9, 69.7, 43.6; IR (neat) 3061, 3029, 2948, 2866, 2821, 2774, 1598, 1586, 1495, 1469, 1454, 1238, 1041, 752, 691; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ : 241.1467, found 242.1542 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

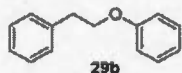
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#### Benzylloxybenzene (29a)



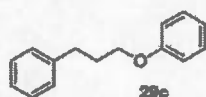
Method B was followed on a 0.46 mmol scale starting from phenylmethanol **28a** and A1. The crude material was purified on silica gel (heptane) to afford **29a** as a yellow oil (29 mg, 34%):  $R_f$  0.73 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48-7.26 (m, 7H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 3H), 5.09 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.8, 137.1, 129.5, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 121.0, 114.9, 70.0; IR (neat) 3064, 3032, 2918, 1598, 1495, 1454, 1240, 1029, 752; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$ : 184.0888, found 185.0967 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

#### Phenethoxybenzene (29b)



Method B was followed on a 0.41 mmol scale starting from 2-phenylethanol **28b** and A1. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **29b** as a colorless oil (35 mg, 43%):  $R_f$  0.75 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39-7.27 (m, 7H), 7.01-6.93 (m, 3H), 4.22 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.8, 138.3, 129.5, 129.0, 128.5, 126.5, 120.8, 114.6, 68.6, 35.8; IR (neat) 3063, 3028, 2927, 2870, 1597, 1586, 1497, 1472, 1243, 1037, 752; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ : 198.1045, found 199.1111 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

#### 3-Phenoxypropylbenzene 29c

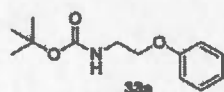


Method B was followed on a 0.37 mmol scale starting from 3-phenylpropan-1-ol **28c** and A1. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **29c** as a yellow oil (34 mg, 43%):  $R_f$  0.79 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38-7.23 (m, 7H), 7.03-6.95 (m, 3H), 4.03 (t,  $J$

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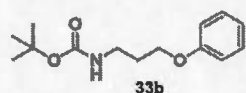
= 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.22-2.13 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.1, 141.6, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 126.0, 120.6, 114.6, 66.8, 32.2, 30.9; IR (neat) 3062, 3027, 2927, 2869, 1600, 1586, 1497, 1469, 1245, 1039, 751, 691; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ : 212.1201, found 213.1277 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ).

***tert*-Butyl (2-phenoxyethyl)carbamate 33a**



Method A was followed on a 0.31 mmol scale starting from *tert*-butyl (2-hydroxyethyl)carbamate **32a** and **A1**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **33a** as a colorless oil (38 mg, 52%);  $R_f$  0.47 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 2H), 5.07 (s(br), 1H), 4.04 (t,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.58-3.53 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.6, 156.0, 129.6, 121.1, 115.4, 114.5, 79.6, 67.1, 40.2, 28.4; IR (neat) 3351, 3057, 3038, 2976, 2932, 2875, 1693, 1599, 1587, 1496, 1274, 1241, 1164, 752; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3$ : 237.1365, found 260.1256 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

***tert*-Butyl (3-phenoxypropyl)carbamate 33b**



Method A was followed on a 0.28 mmol scale starting from *tert*-butyl (3-hydroxypropyl)carbamate **32b** and **A1**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **33b** as a yellow solid (28 mg, 40%); m.p. 69°C;  $R_f$  0.42 (20% EtOAc/hexanes),  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 6.97-6.90 (m, 3H), 4.82 (s(br), 1H), 4.04 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (q,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.07-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.8, 156.1, 129.5, 120.8, 114.5, 79.2, 65.7, 38.1, 29.5, 28.4; IR (neat) 3351, 3072, 3038, 2976, 2931, 2875, 1689, 1600, 1587, 1497, 1365, 1242, 1169, 753; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ : 251.1521, found 274.1411 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

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#### *tert*-Butyl (4-phenoxybutyl)carbamate (**33c**)



Method B was followed on a 0.26 mmol scale starting from *tert*-butyl (4-hydroxybutyl)carbamate **32c** and **A1**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **33c** as a colorless oil (29 mg, 42%):  $R_f$  0.50 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.90 (m, 3H), 4.70 (s(br), 1H), 3.99 (t,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (q,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.86-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.9, 156.1, 129.5, 120.7, 114.5, 79.1, 67.3, 40.3, 28.4, 26.9, 26.6; IR (neat) 3357, 3065, 3034, 2975, 2933, 2870, 1689, 1600, 1586, 1497, 1473, 1365, 1243, 1168, 753; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ : 265.1678, found 288.1566 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ).

#### 5. Competition studies

**Scheme 8.** Competition studies between phenethylalcohol **28b** and (*R*)-*N-tert*-butyloxycarbonyl-2-phenylglycinol **15**:

In a sealed tube, triphenylbismuth **A1** (0.41 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added, followed by copper (II) acetate (1.0 equiv) and alcohol **28b** and **15** (1.0 equiv for each). The reagents were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (5 mL) and pyridine (3.0 equiv) was added to the mixture. The reaction tube was purged with dry oxygen for 30 seconds, sealed and heated at 50°C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., concentrated under reduced pressure, and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with aq. ammonium hydroxide (2x20mL), brine (1x20mL), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The NMR was taken on the obtained crude oil. The ratio of **29b** and **16** was determined by the

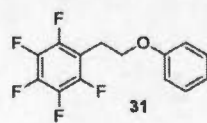
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integration of signals corresponding to the benzylic C–H of **16**, and the benzylic CH<sub>2</sub> of **29b**, after correction for the number of protons.

**Scheme 9.** Competition studies between (pentafluorophenyl)ethanol **30** and (*R*)-*N*-tert-butylloxycarbonyl-2-phenylglycinol **15**:

In a sealed tube, triphenylbismuth **A1** (0.41 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added, followed by copper (II) acetate (1.0 equiv) and alcohol **30** and **15** (1.0 equiv for each). The reagents were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (5 mL) and pyridine (3.0 equiv) was added to the mixture. The reaction tube was purged with dry oxygen for 30 seconds, sealed and heated at 50°C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., concentrated under reduced pressure, and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with aq. ammonium hydroxide (2x20mL), brine (1x20mL), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The NMR was taken on the obtained crude oil. The ratio of **31** and **16** was determined by the integration of signals corresponding to the benzylic C–H of **16** and the benzylic CH<sub>2</sub> of **31**, after correction for the number of protons.

**1,2,3,4,5-Pentafluoro-6-(2-phenoxyethyl)benzene (31)**



<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 1H), 6.90–6.86 (m, 2H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.3, 129.5, 121.2, 114.5, 111.6, 111.5, 111.3, 65.6,

29.7, 22.9; IR (neat) 3706, 3680, 3035, 2967, 2937, 2866, 1657, 1601, 1504, 1242, 1055, 752;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>5</sub>O: 288.0571, found 289.0644 (M+H).



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## 6. Computational details

All calculations were performed with ORCA 3.0.1 software. The procedure reported by Pulay *et al.* was directly applied to the selected compounds for pK<sub>a</sub> determination, using the equation described below.<sup>9</sup> The structures were fully optimized with the OLYP density functional<sup>10</sup> in combination with the 3-21G basis set for all atoms, using the COSMO solvation model for water.<sup>11</sup> Harmonic vibrational frequencies were computed for all optimized structures to verify that they were minima, possessing zero imaginary frequencies. The reported energies, used for pK<sub>a</sub> calculations, were obtained by single point calculations on the optimized structures using the OLYP density functional with the 6-311+G(d,p) basis set, again using the COSMO solvation model for water.

**pK<sub>a</sub> prediction equation for alcohols, as reported by Pulay et al.<sup>9</sup>**

$$\text{pK}_a = 0.3333 \cdot \Delta E - 90.447$$

**Table S2.** Computed values for selected compounds.

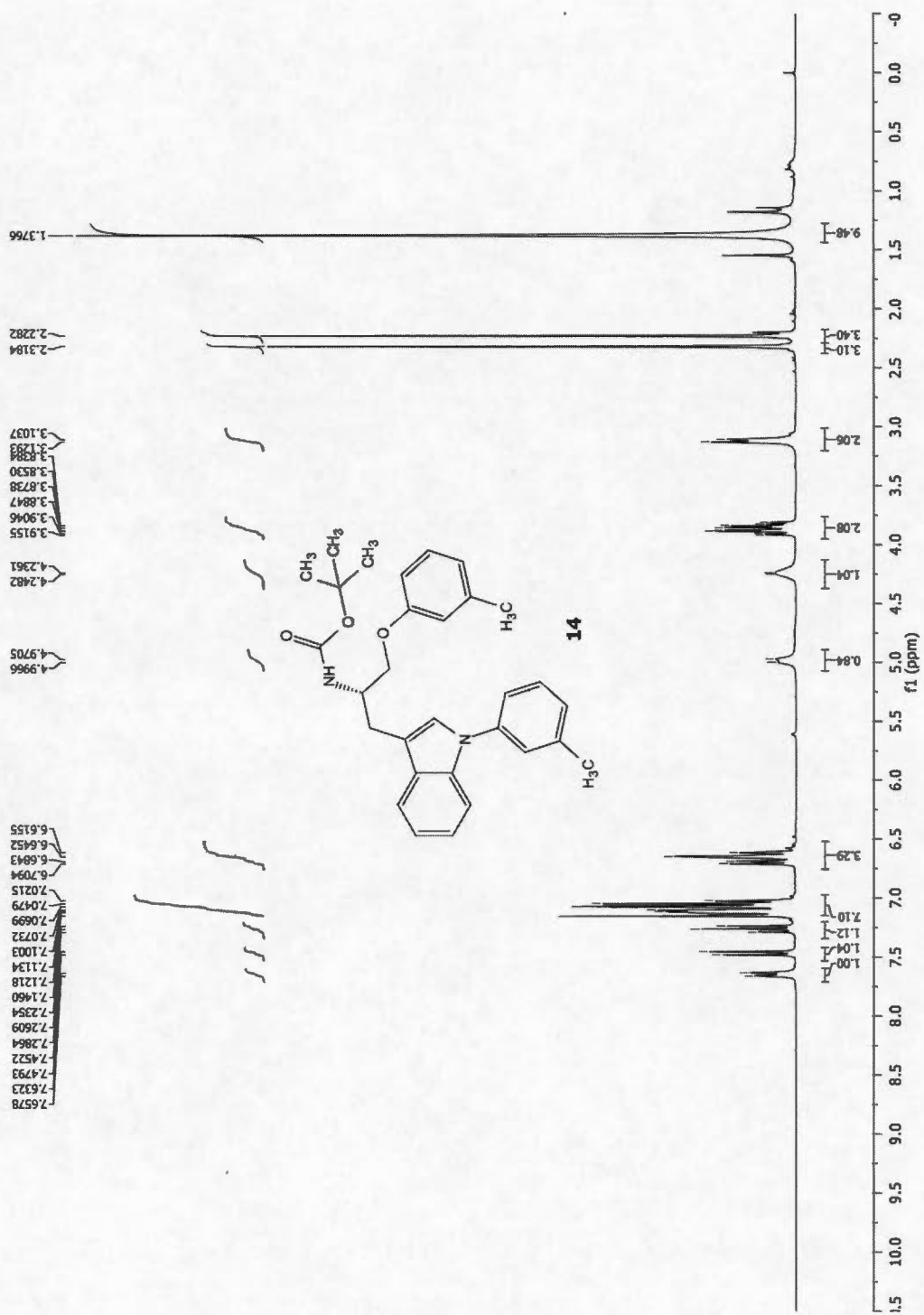
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17b	-899,804801	-900,311973	318,255690	15,6
17d	-593,560154	-594,066536	317,759687	15,5
24a	-785,273340	-785,779612	317,690598	15,4
24b	-711,194933	-711,703171	318,924471	15,9
26a	-825,978949	-826,484095	316,984430	15,2
26b	-519,463652	-519,971521	318,692688	15,8
28b	-385,539151	-386,054130	323,154341	17,3
30	-881,759638	-882,266431	318,018046	15,5
32a	-555,685213	-556,189037	316,154172	14,9
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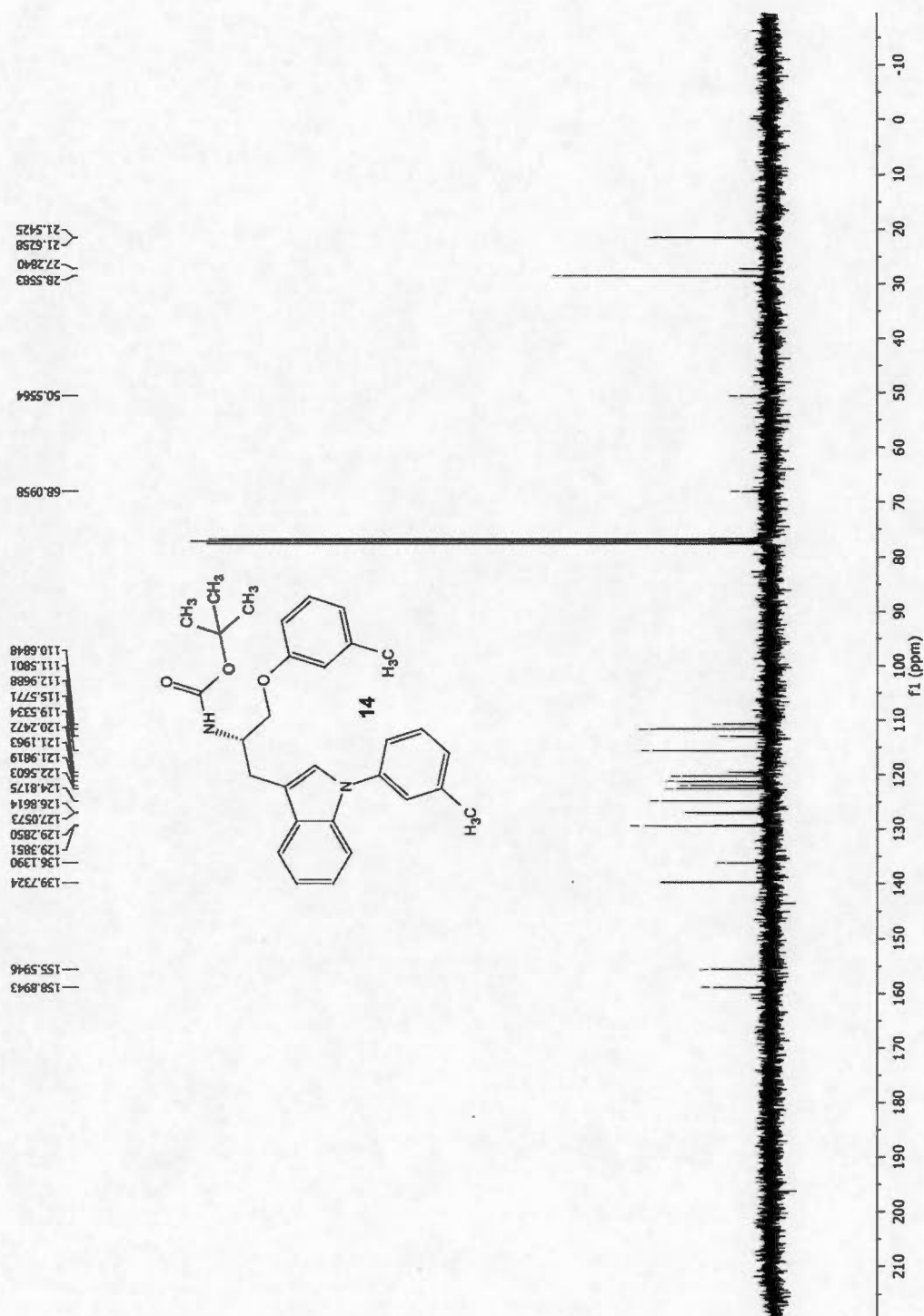
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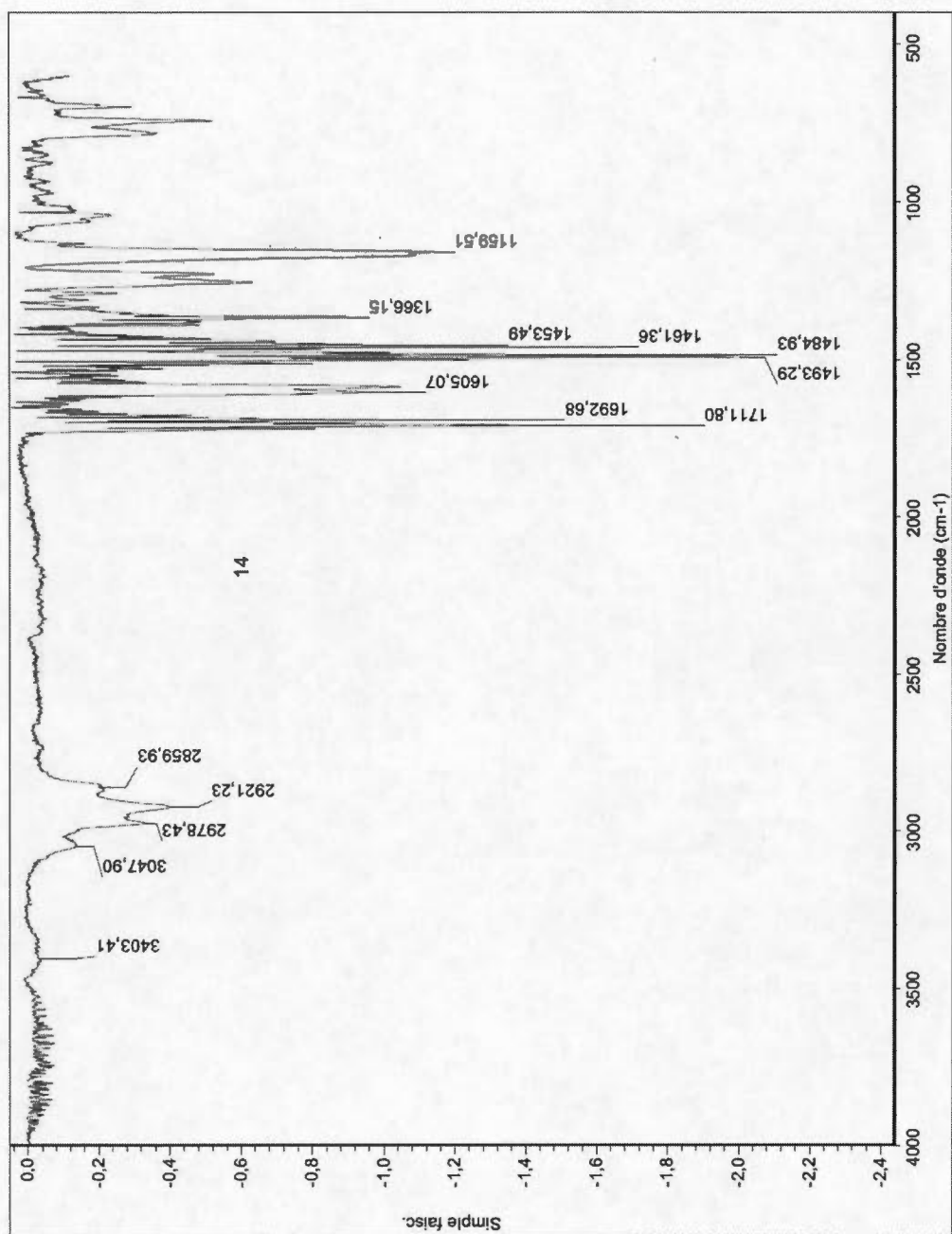
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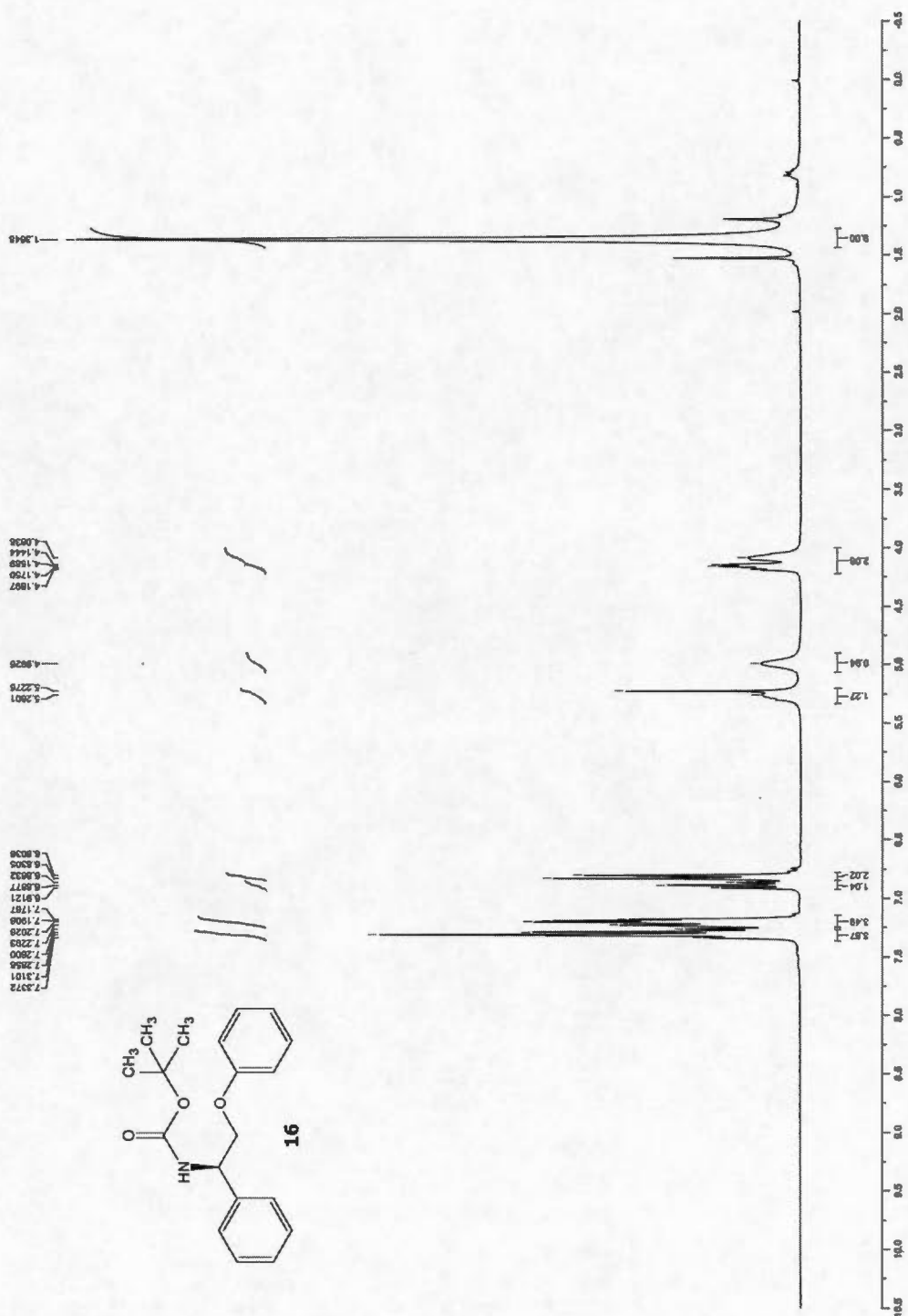
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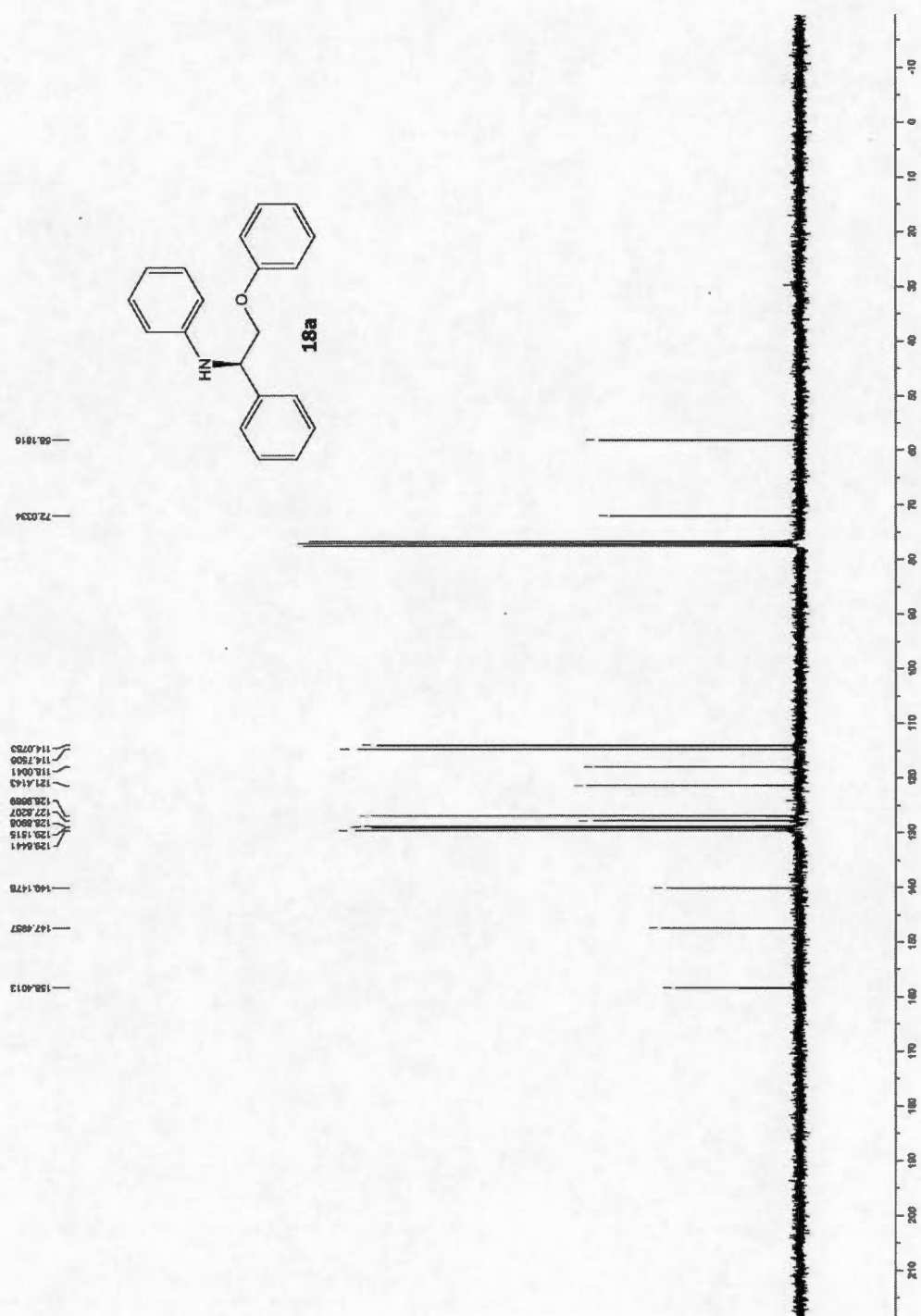


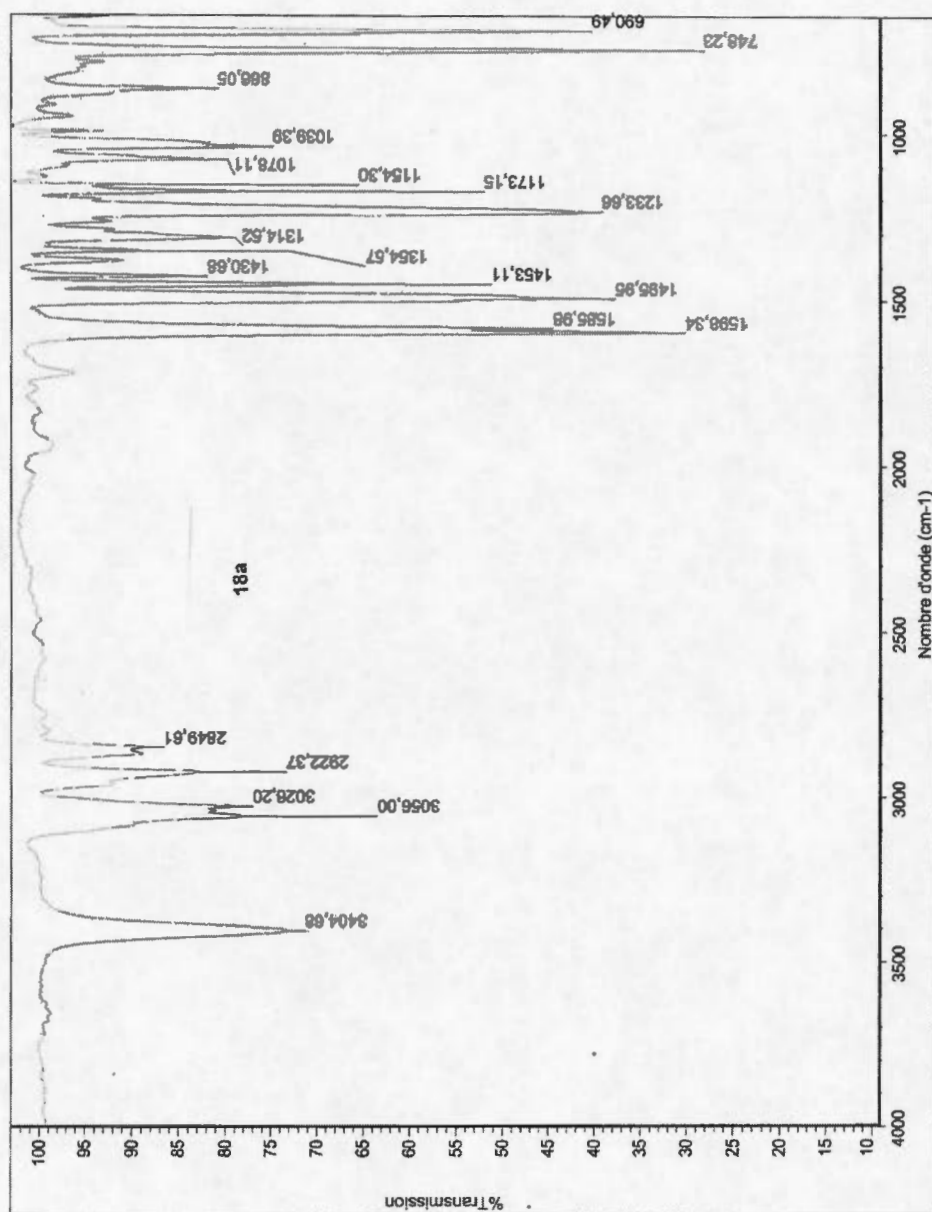


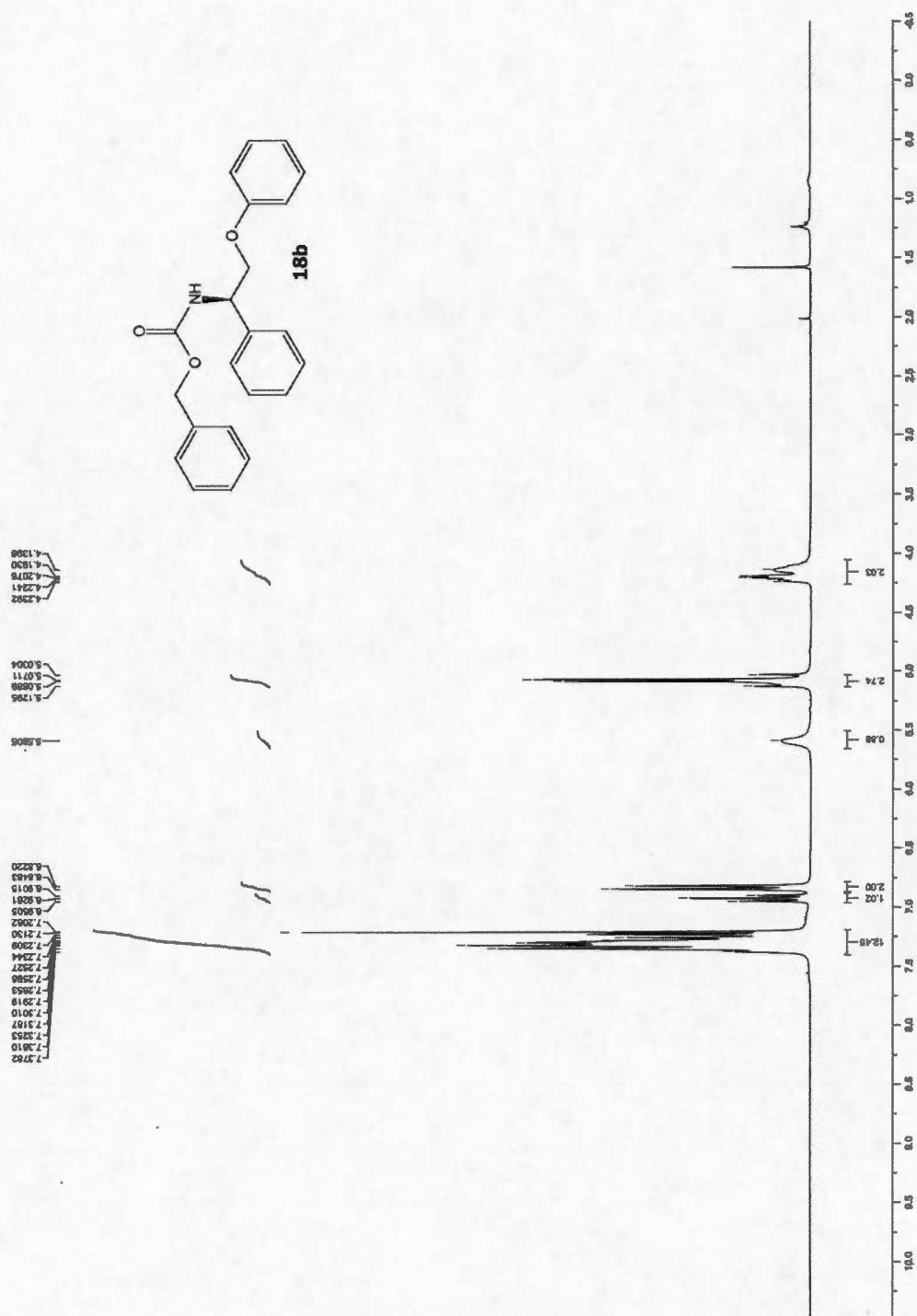




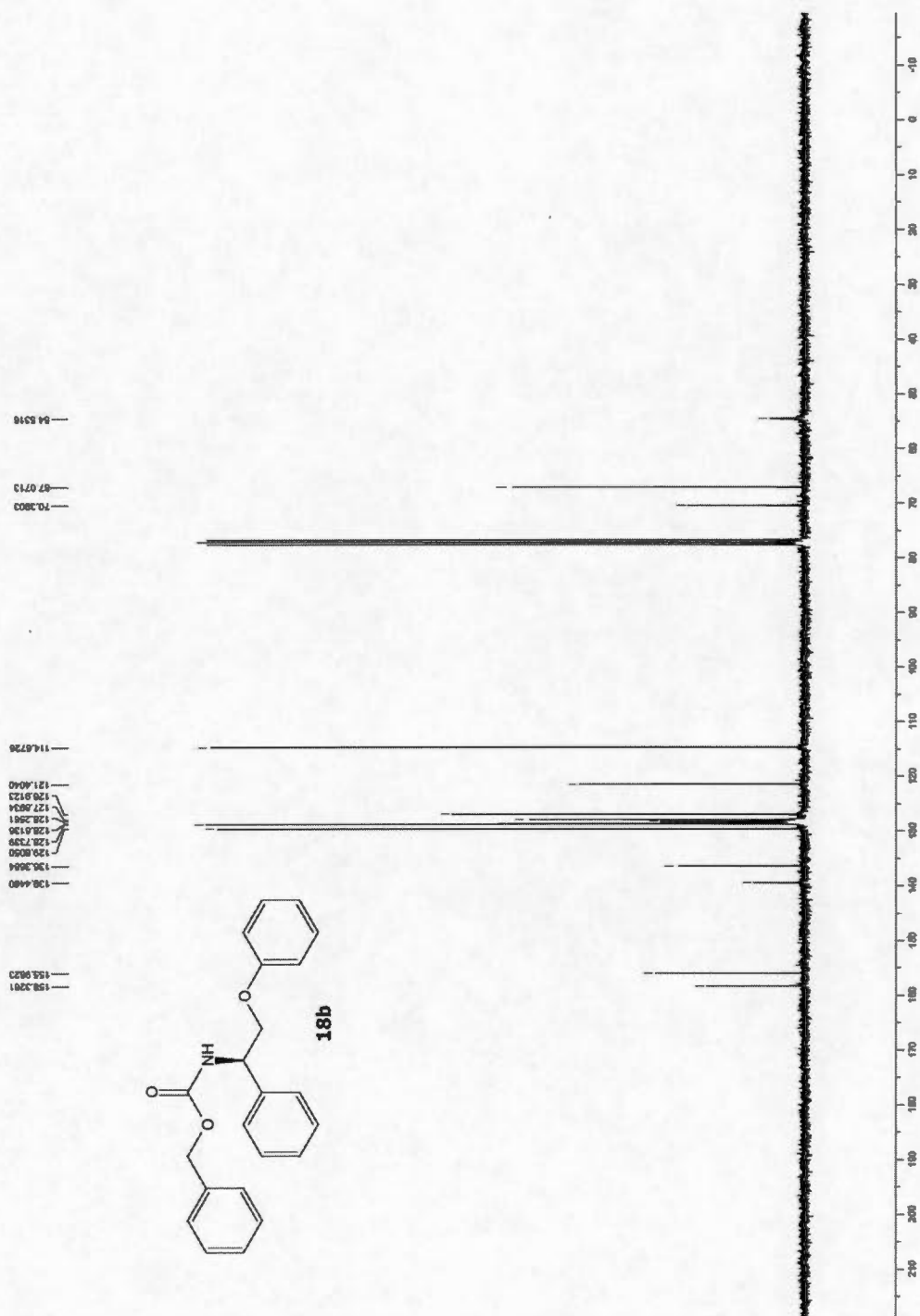


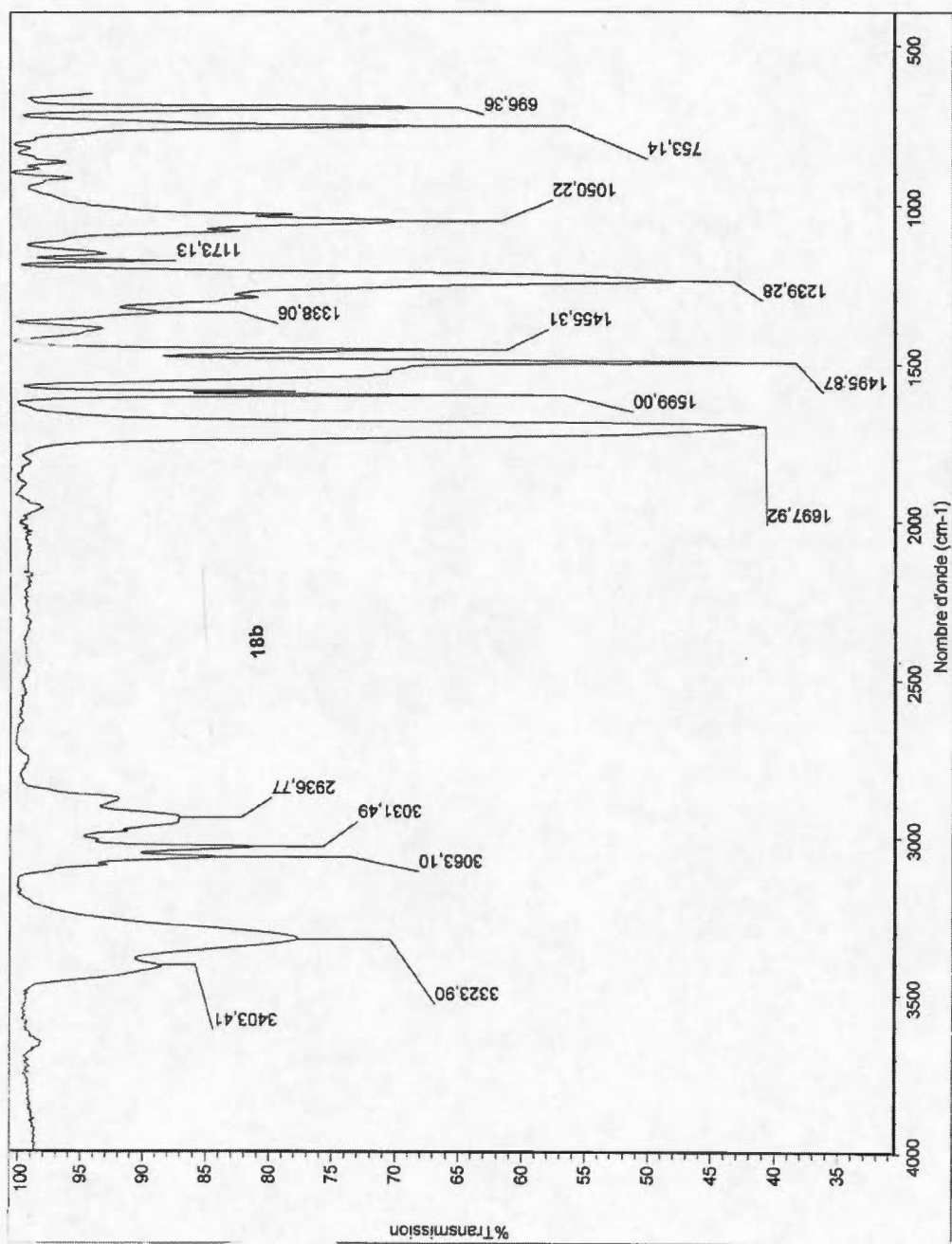


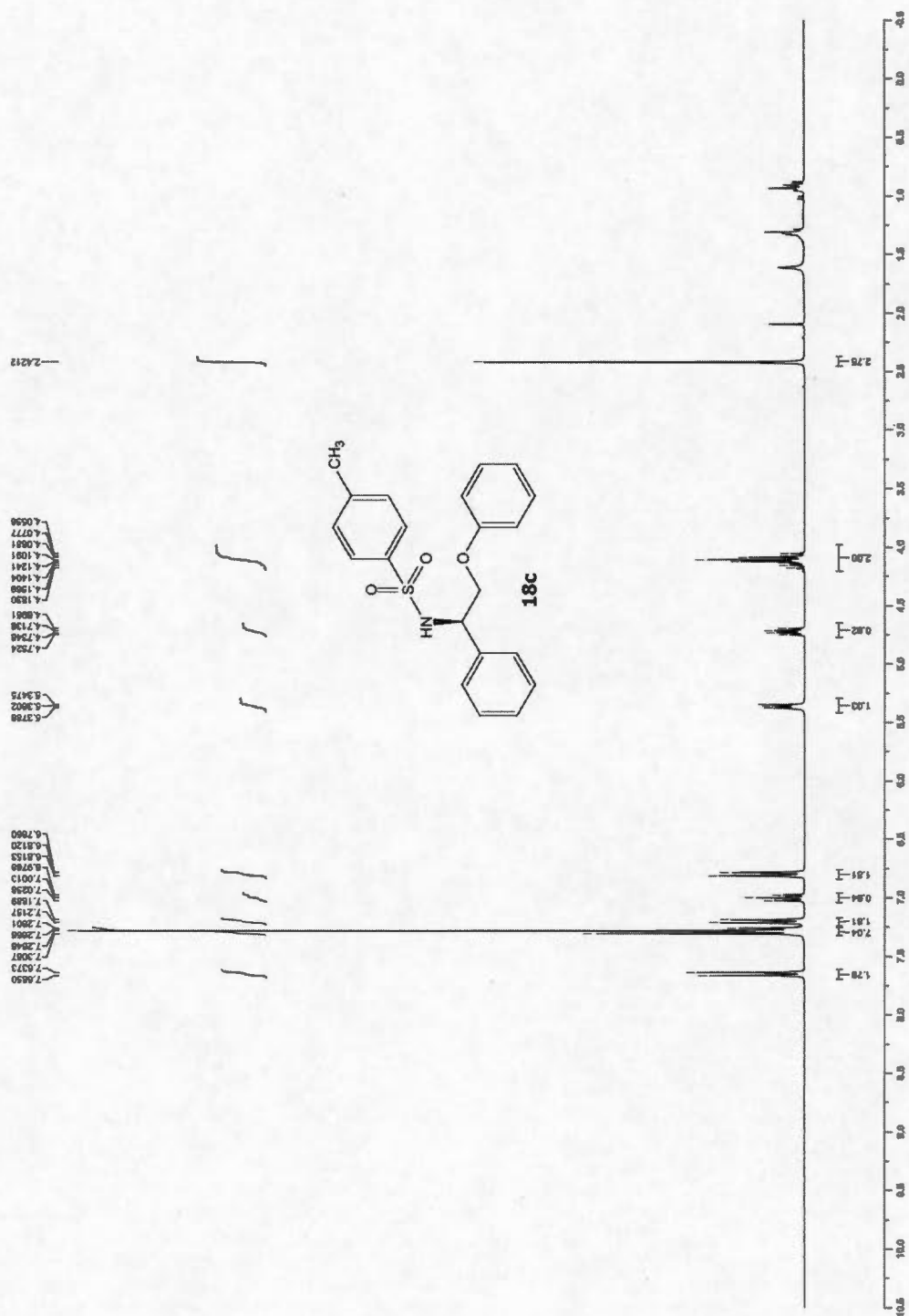




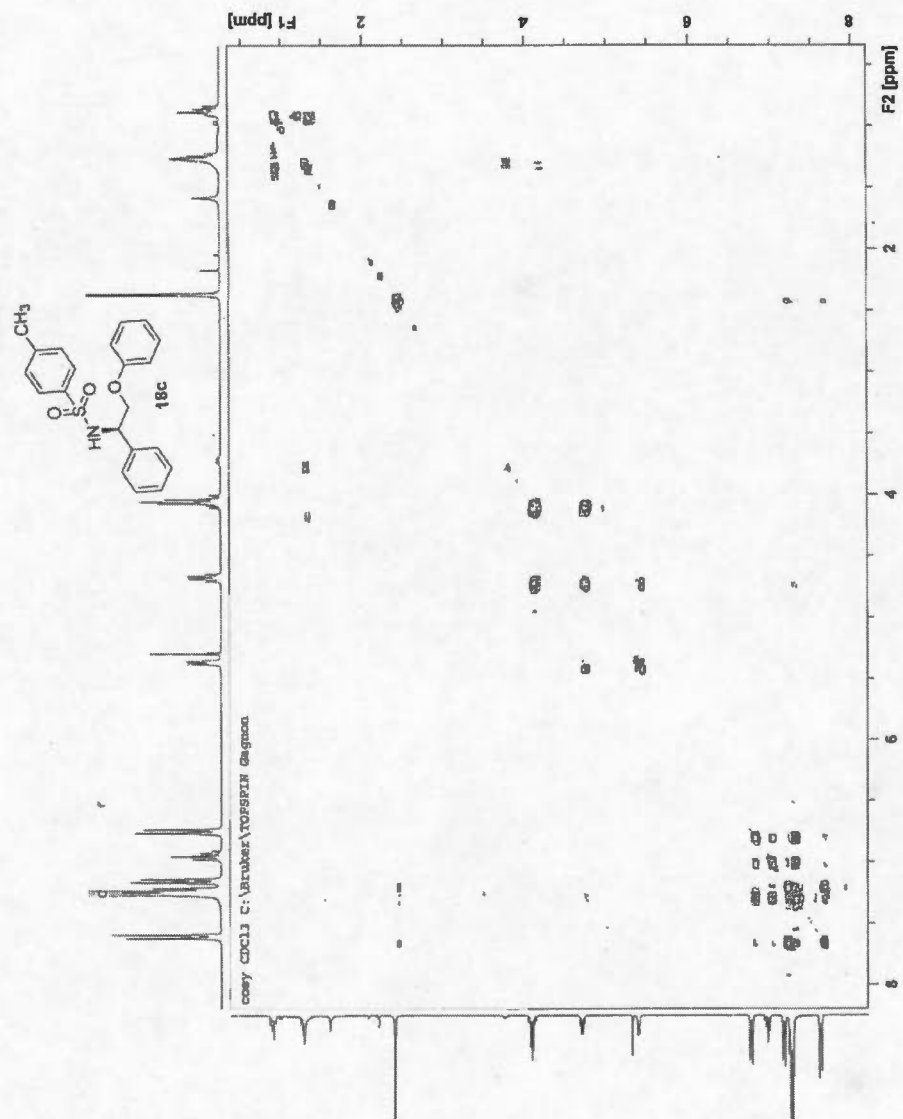


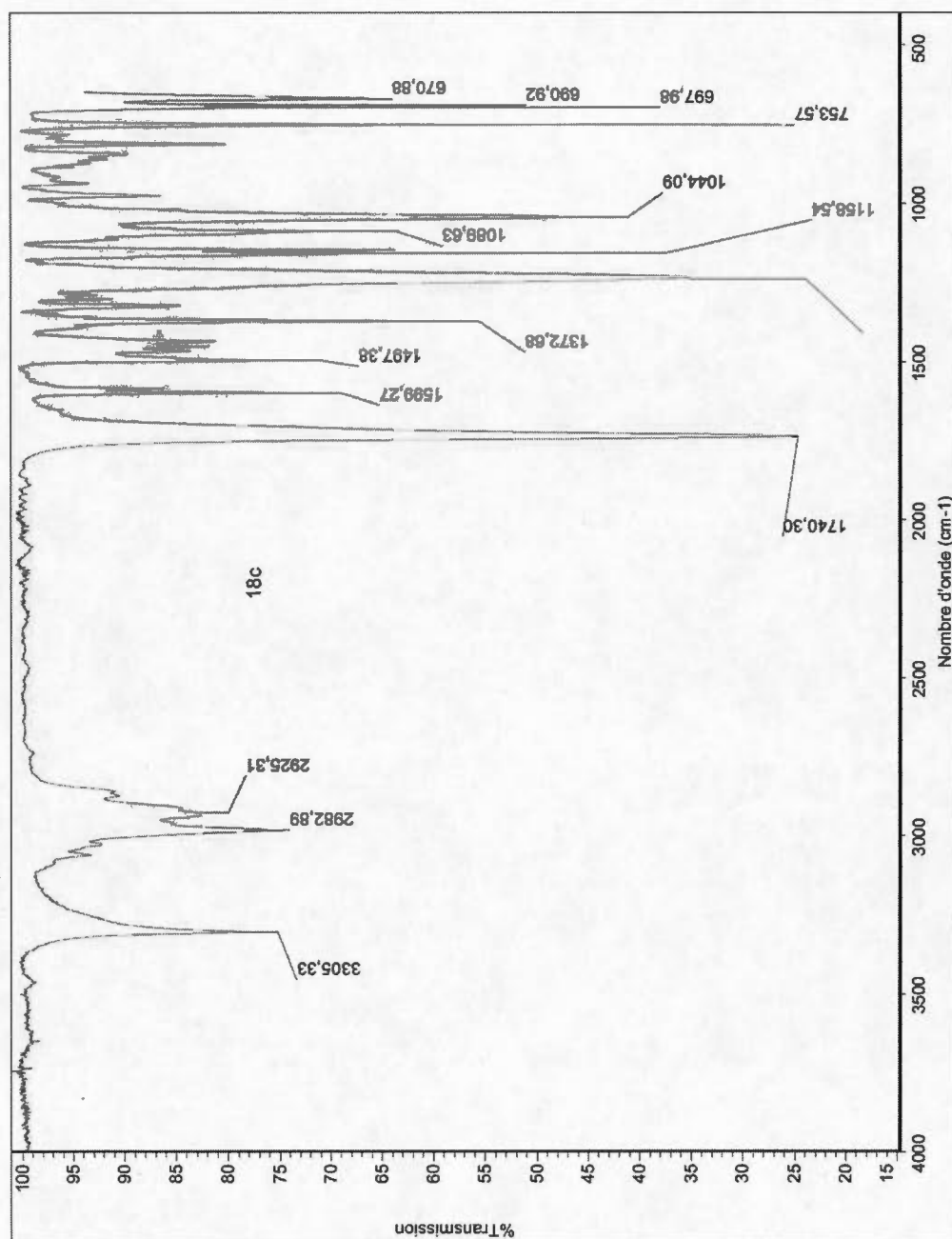


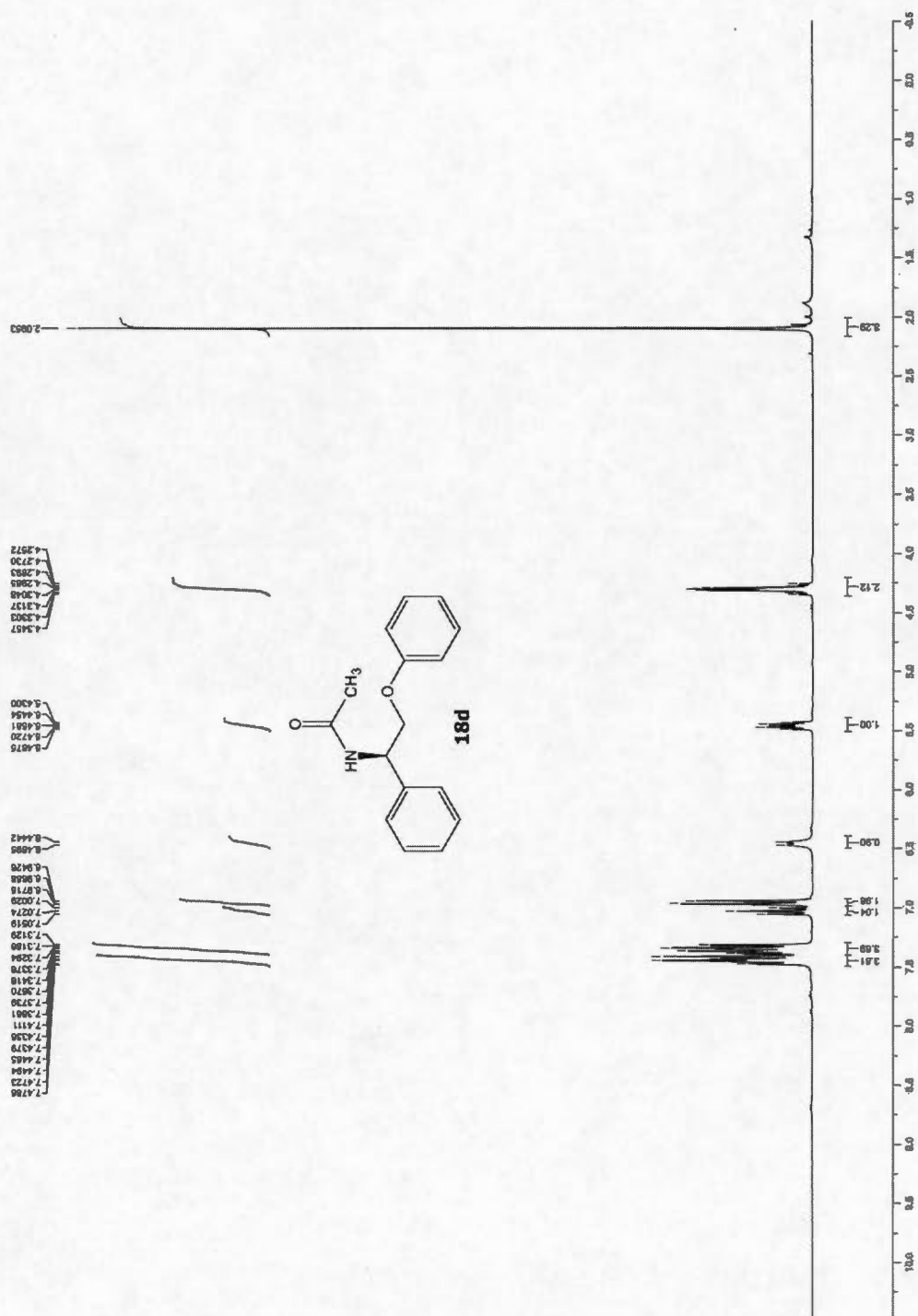


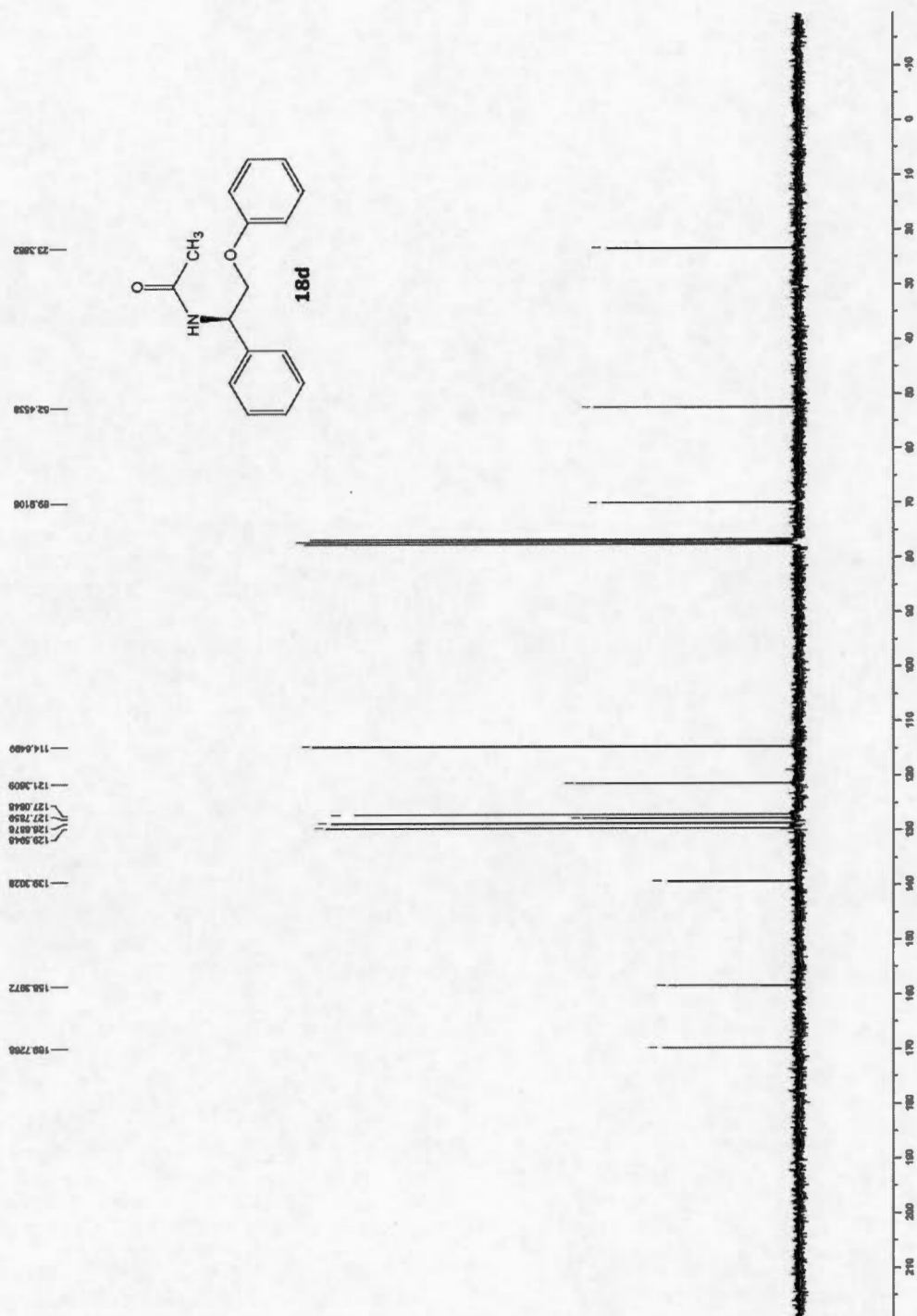




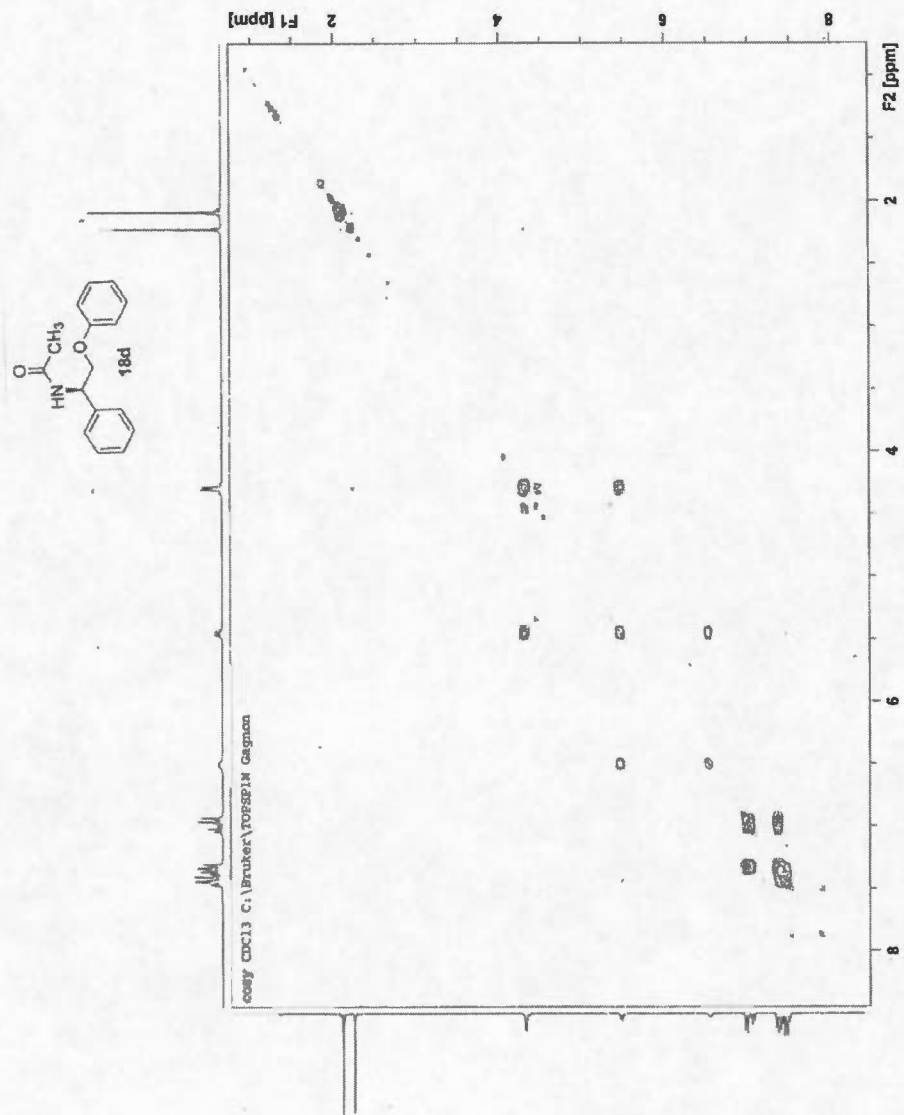


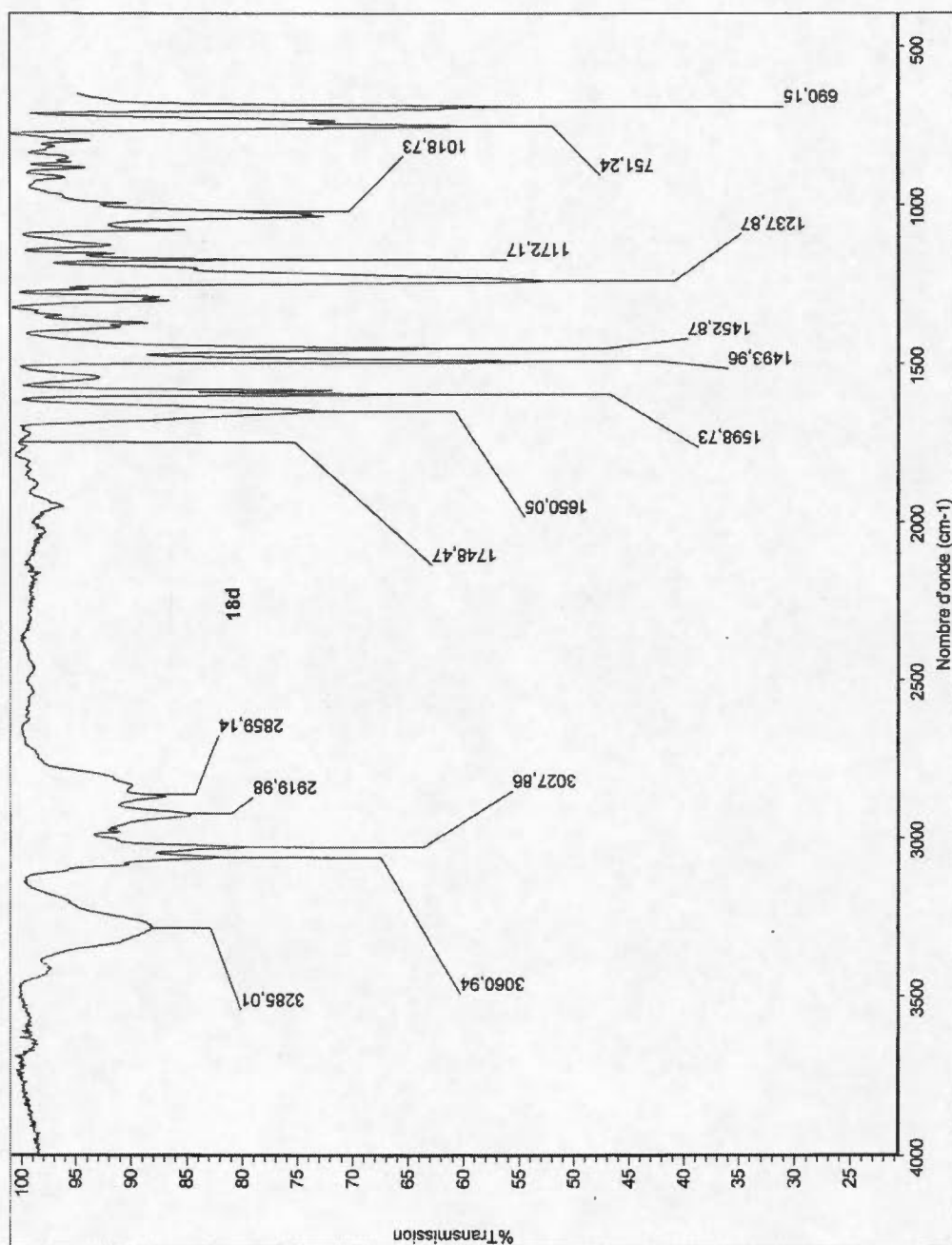


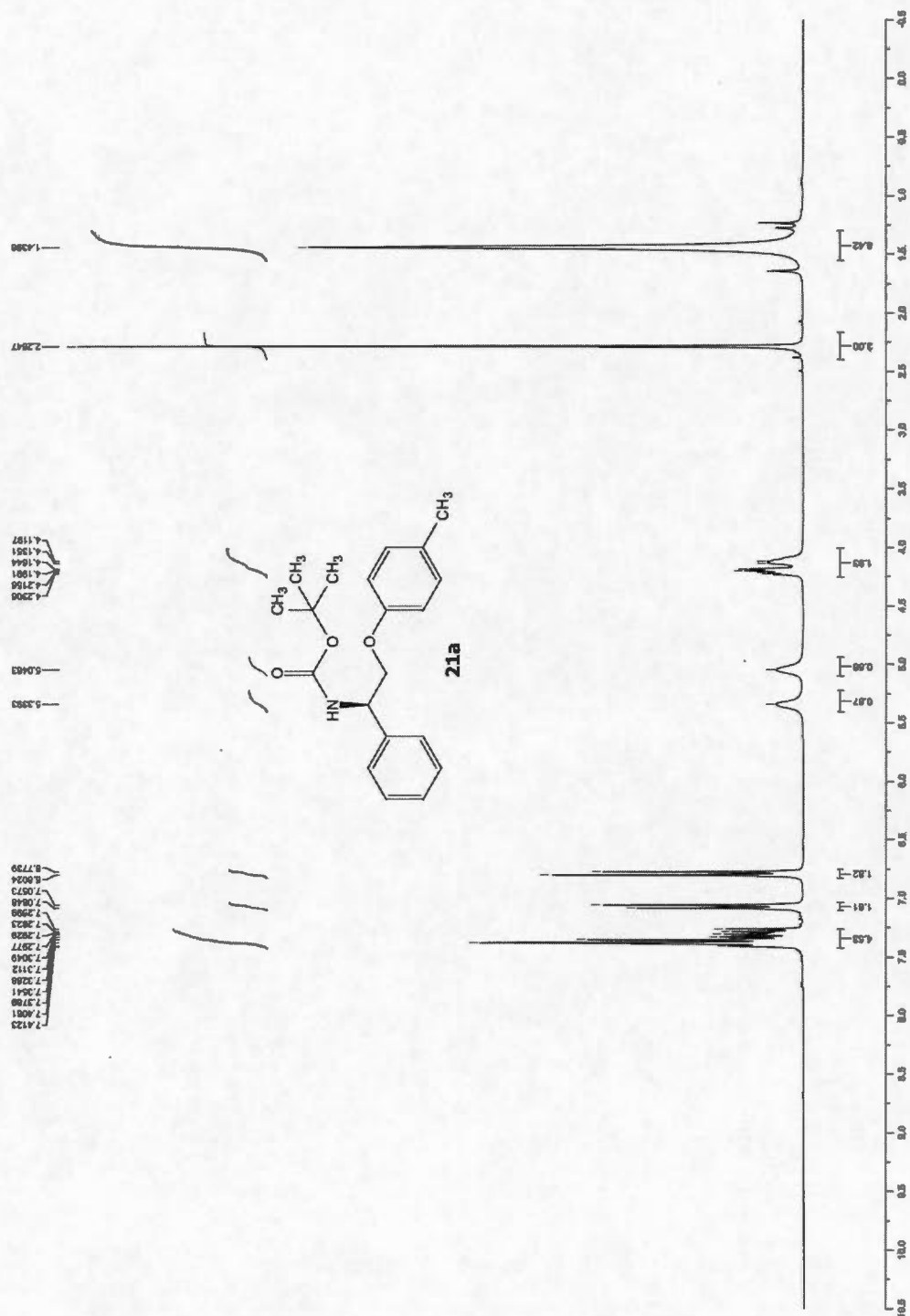


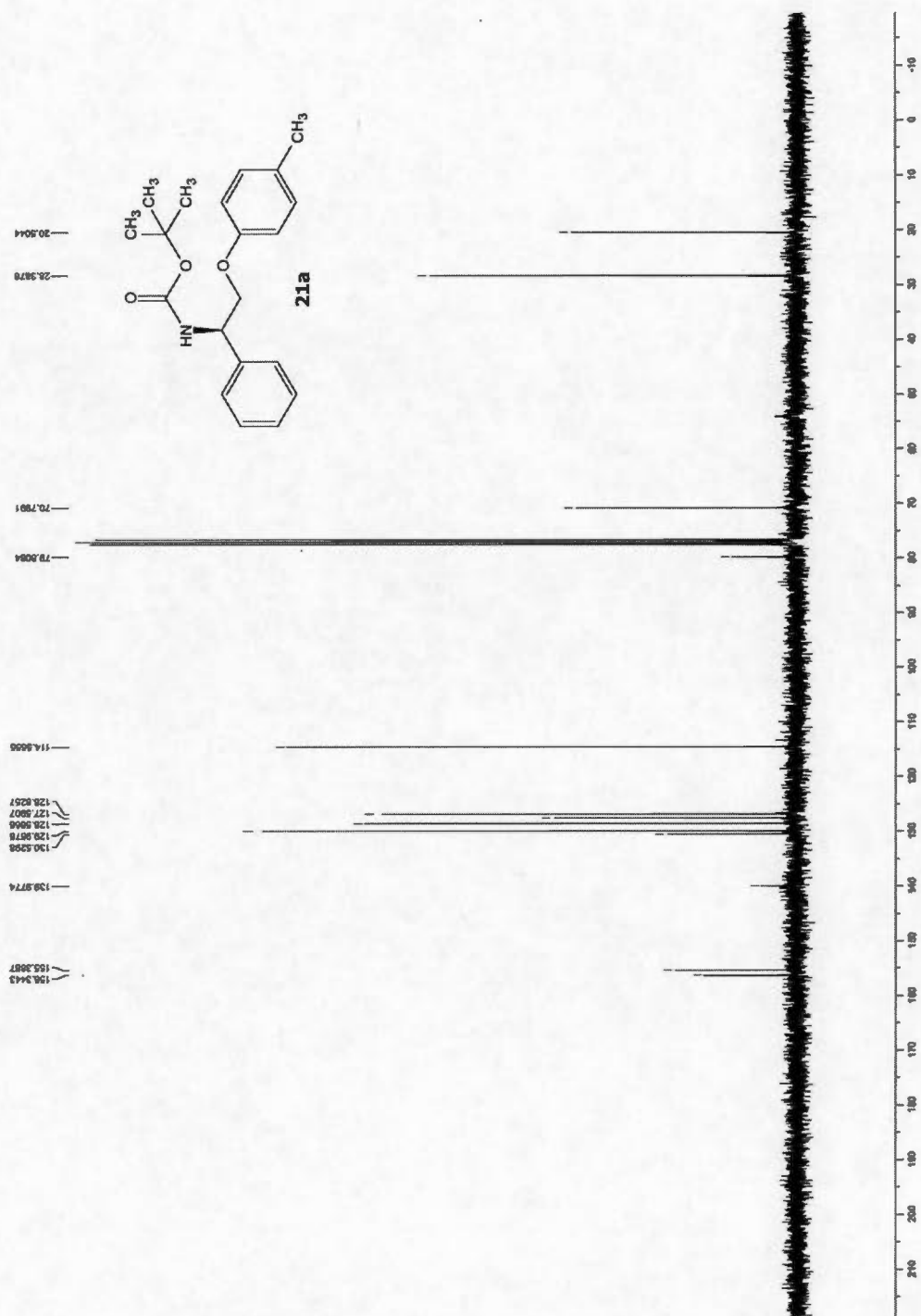


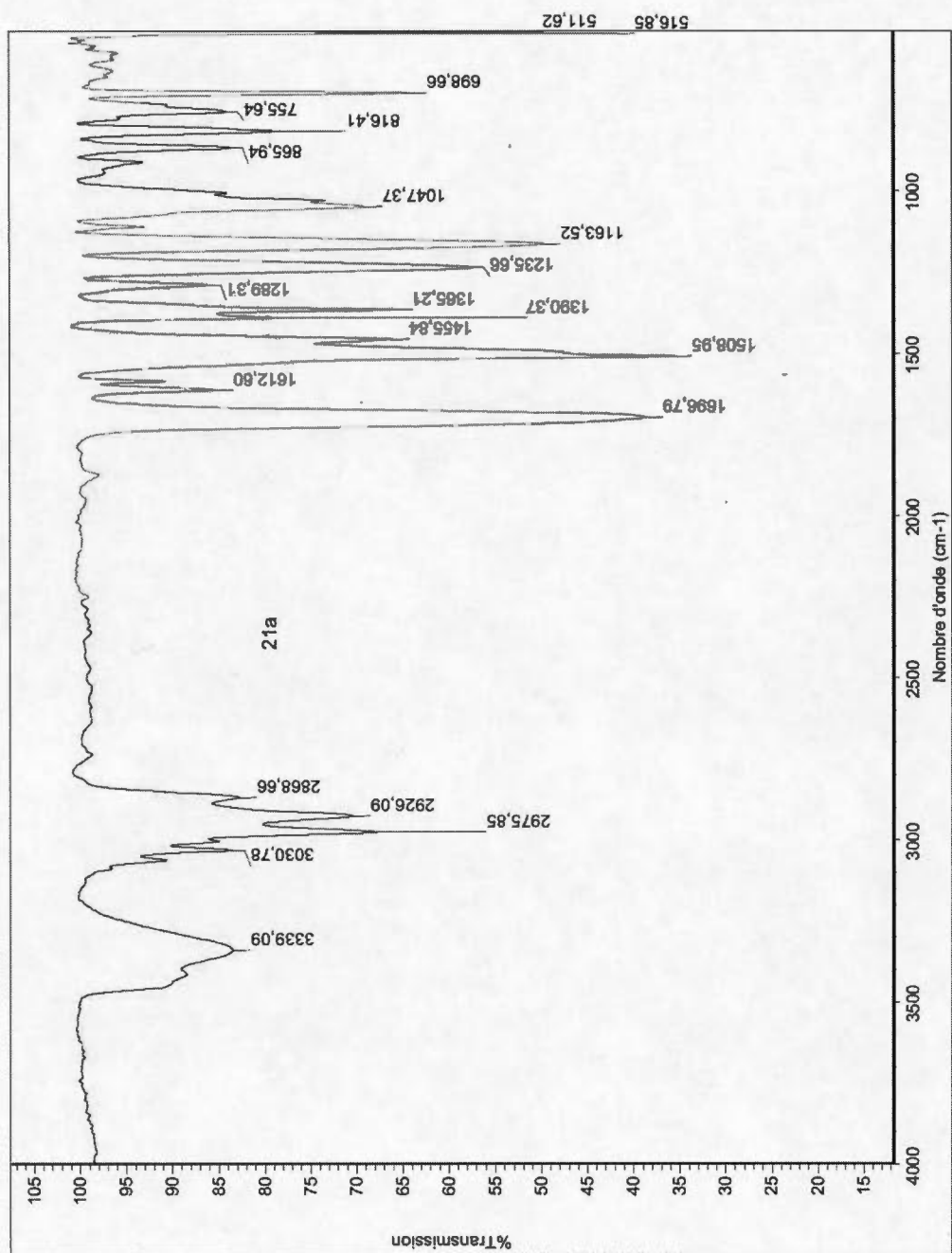


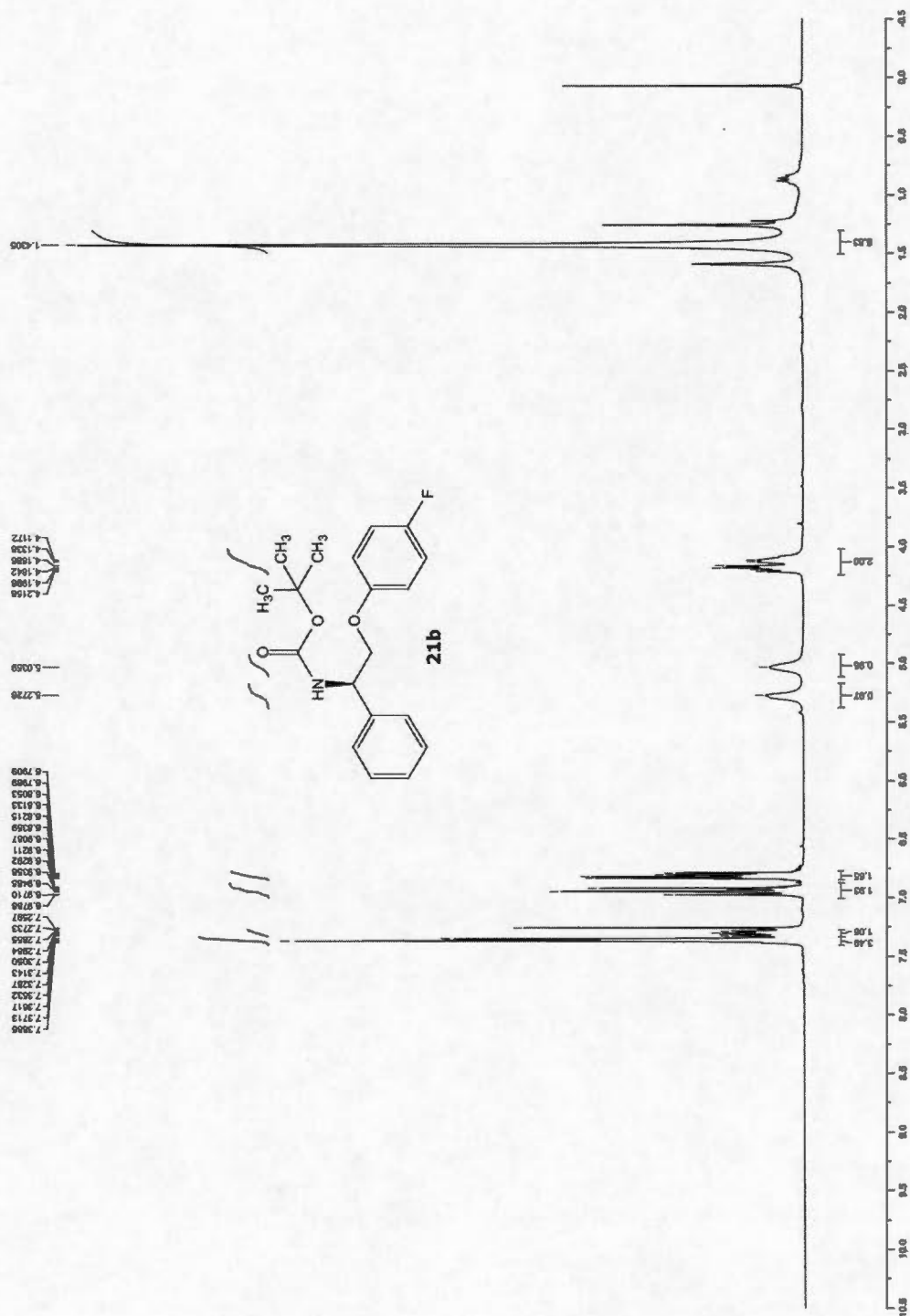


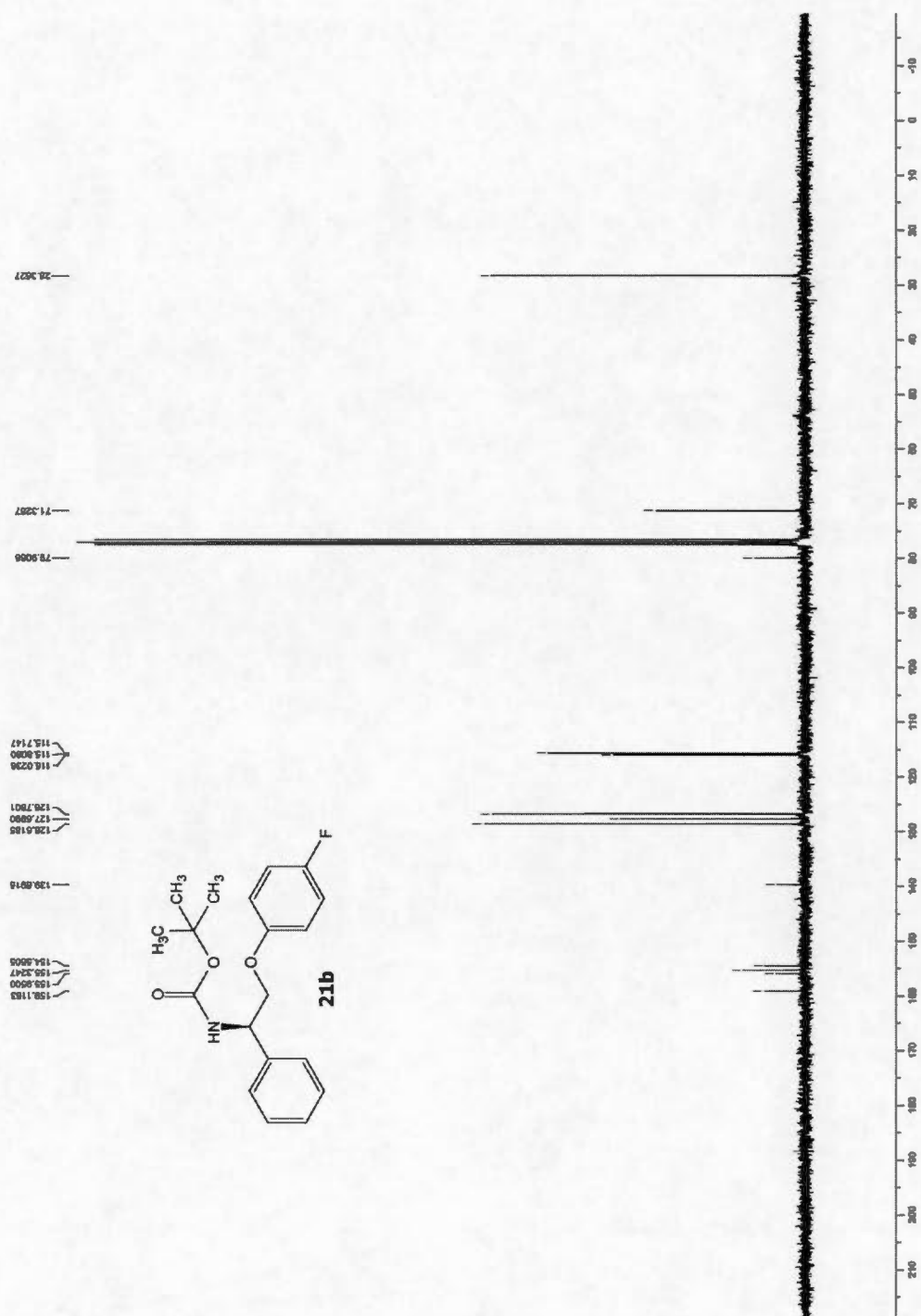


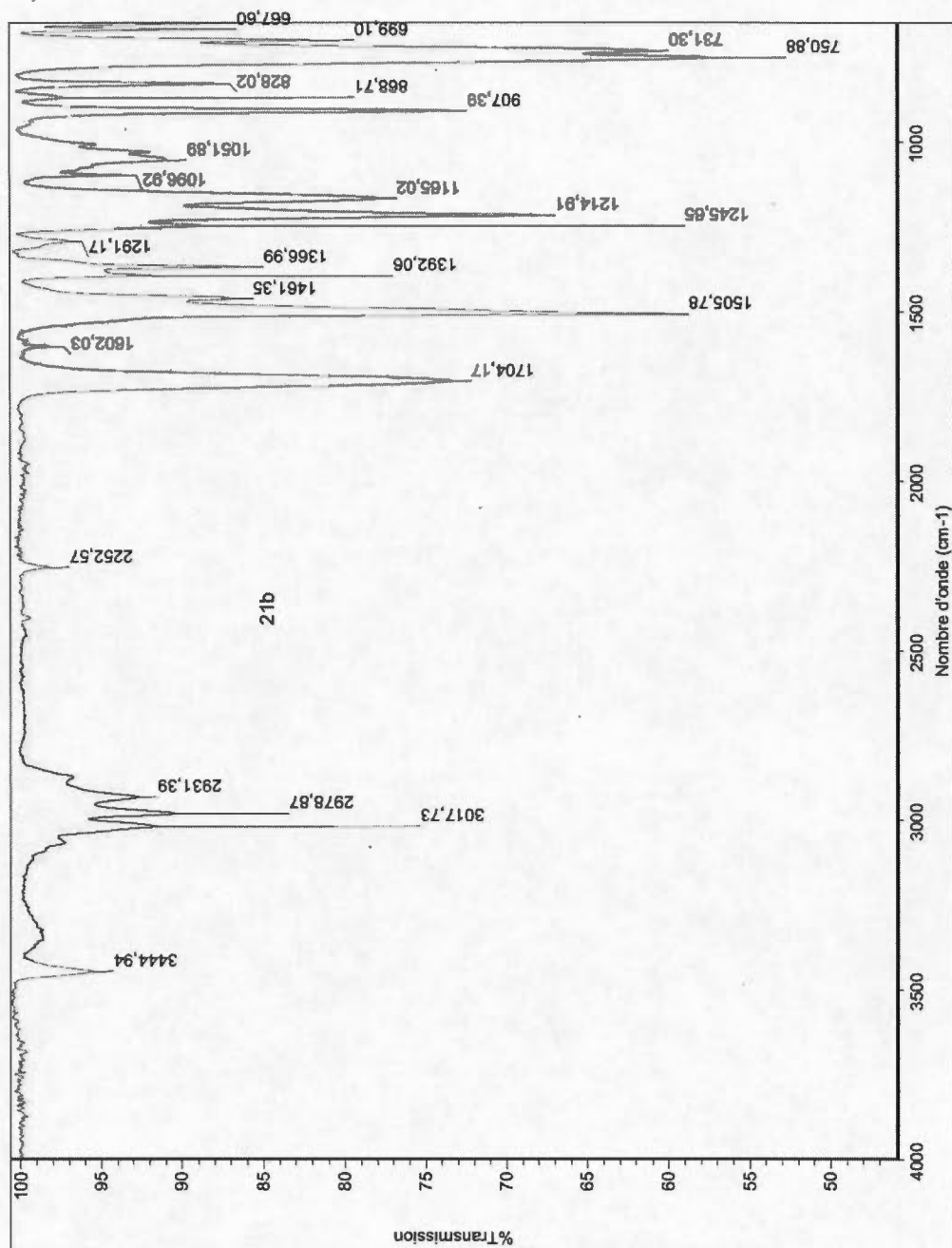




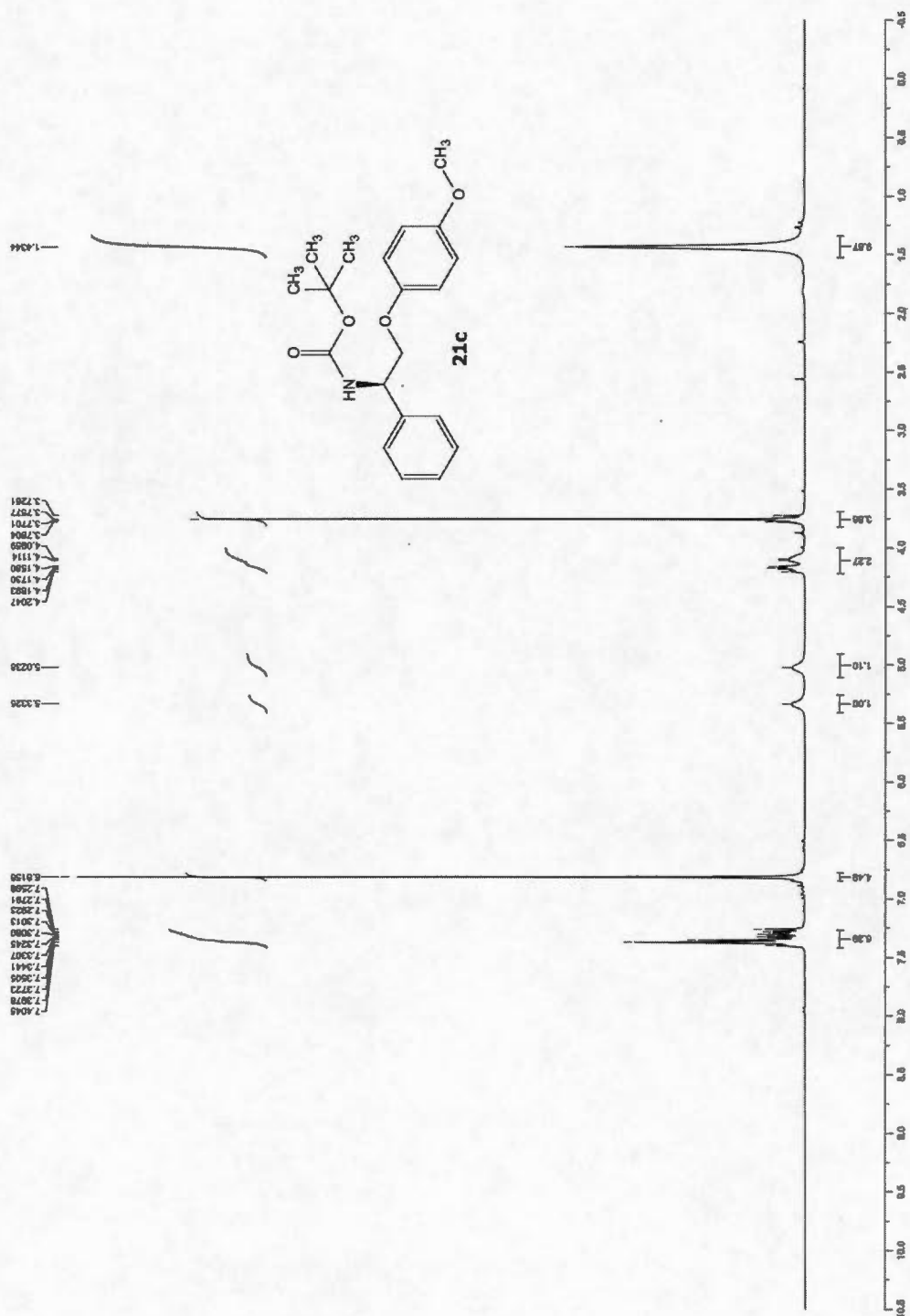


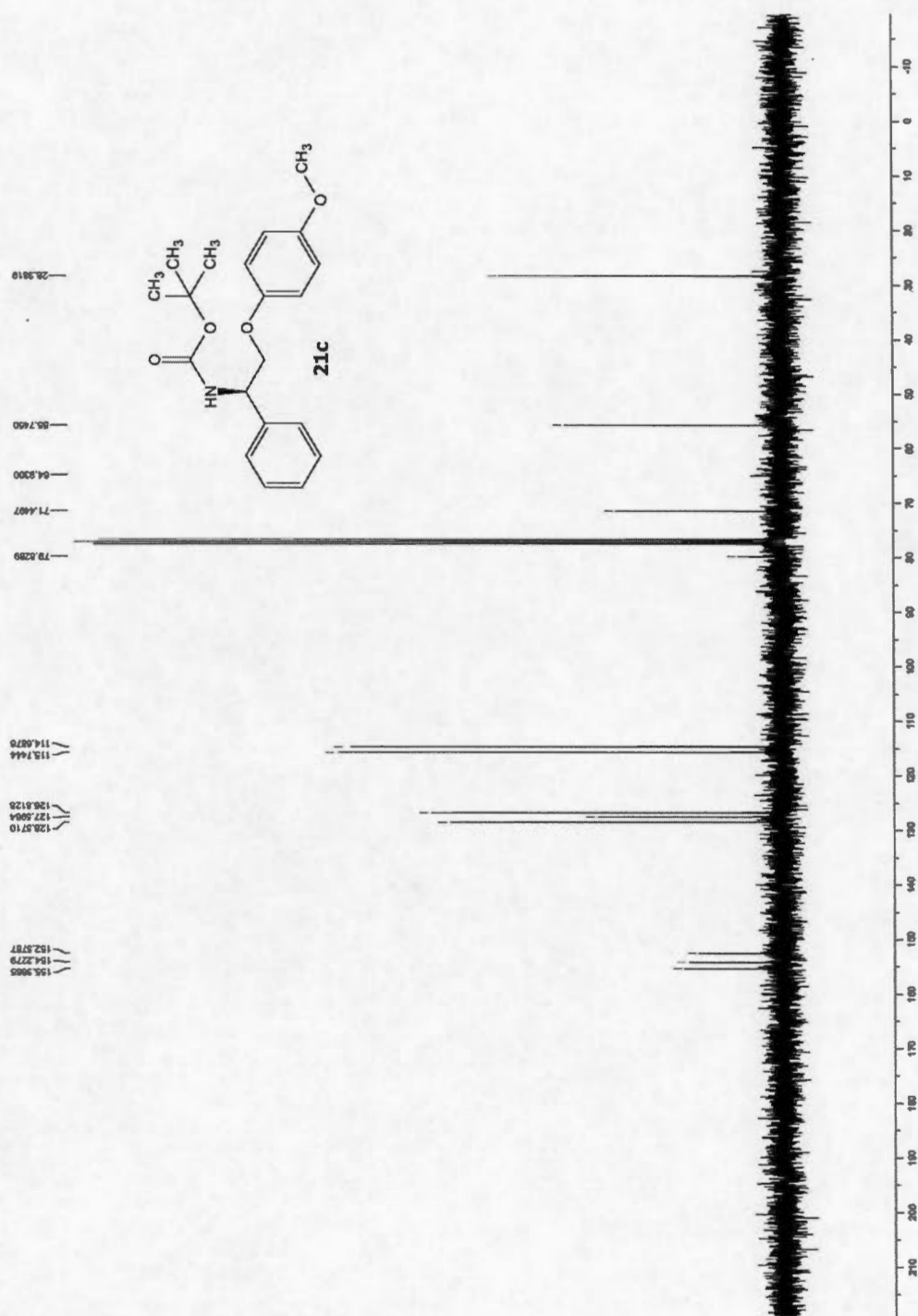


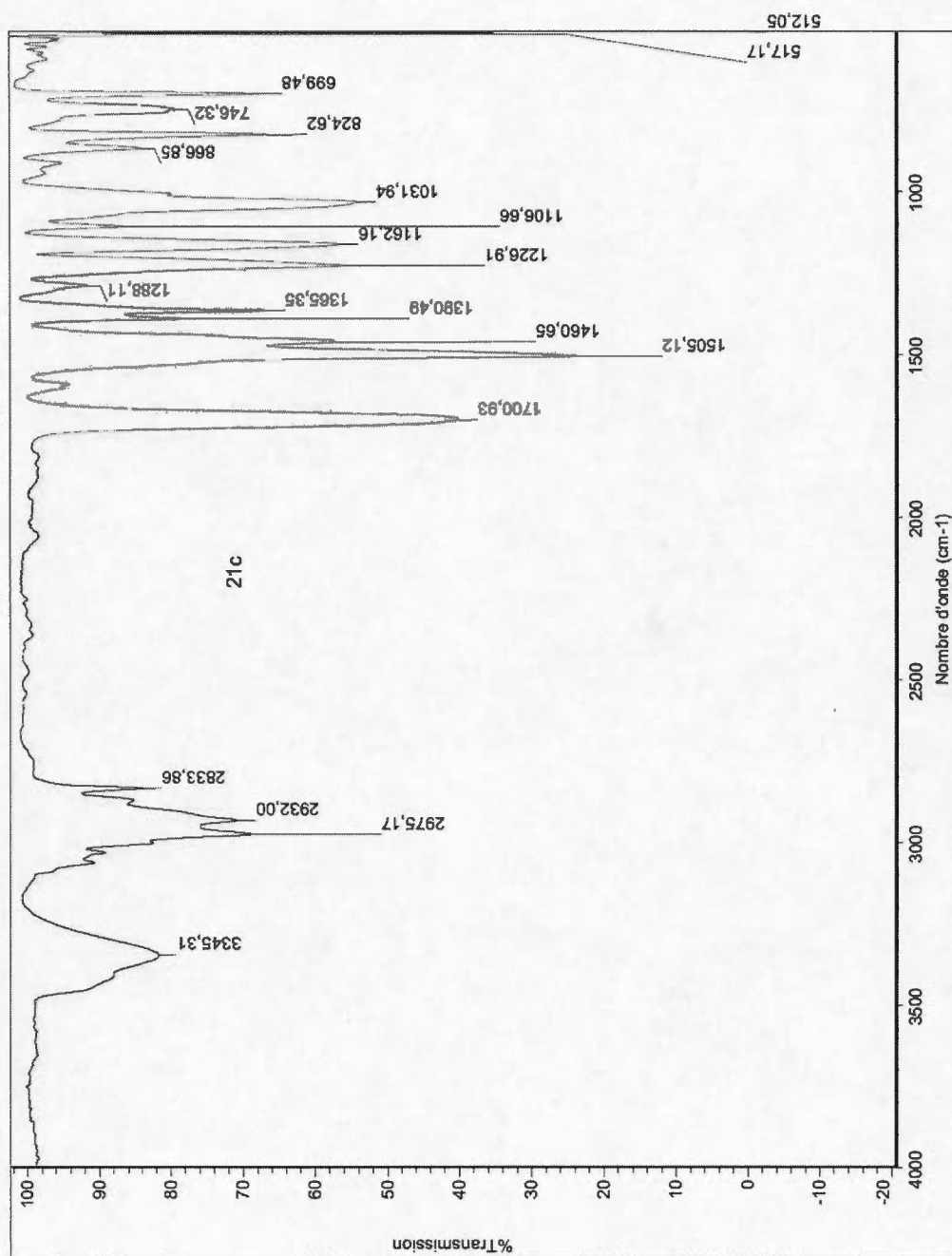


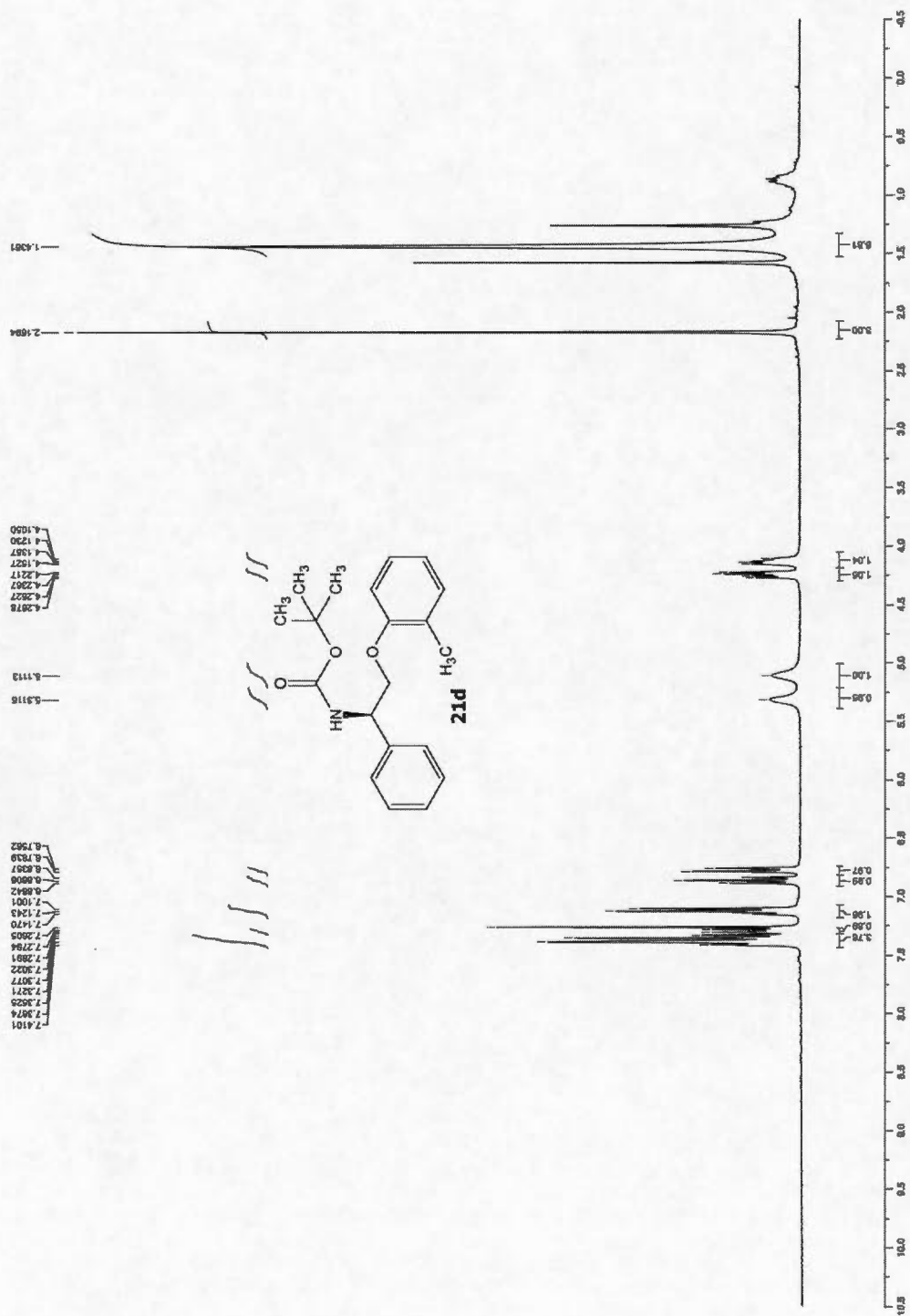


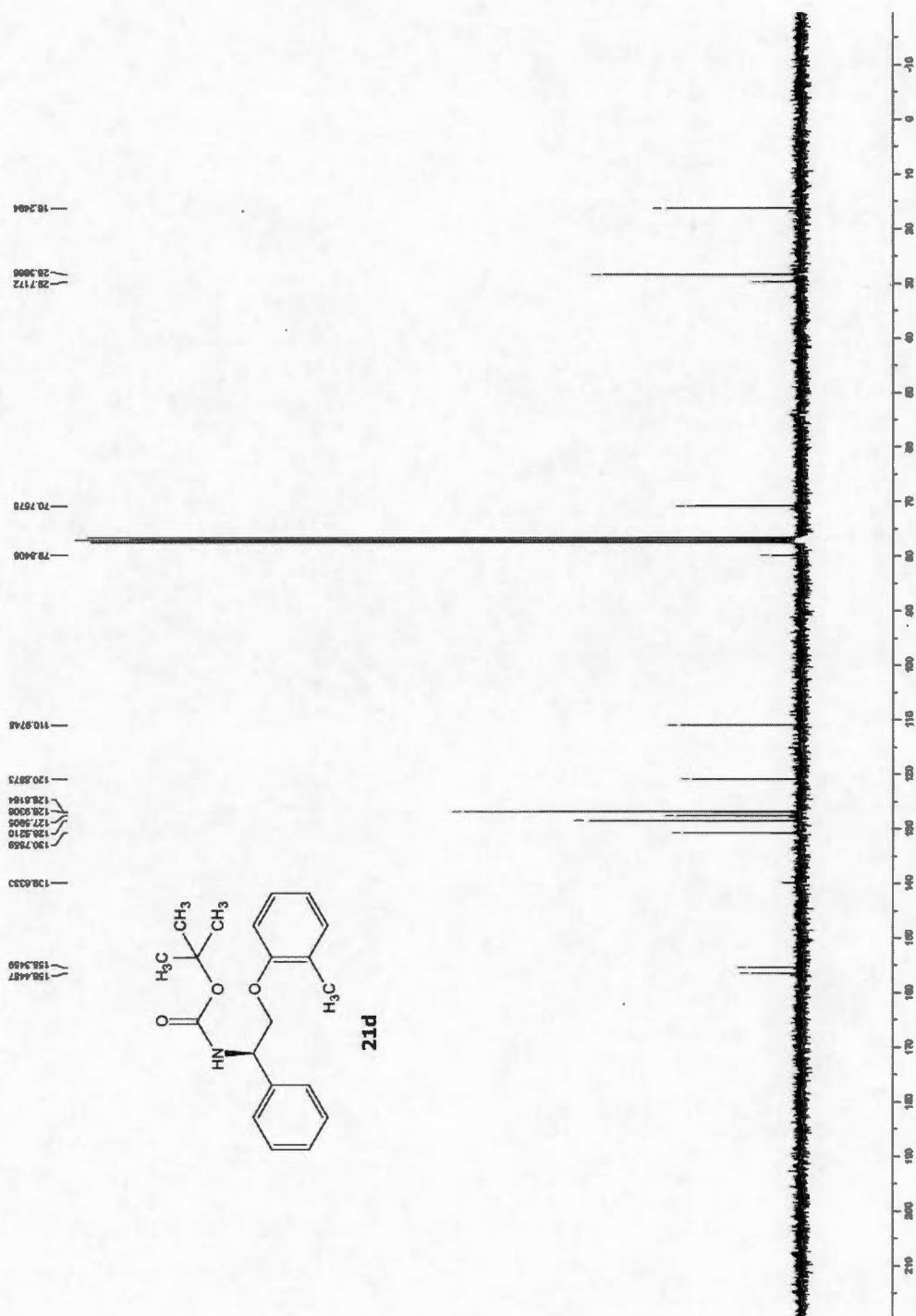


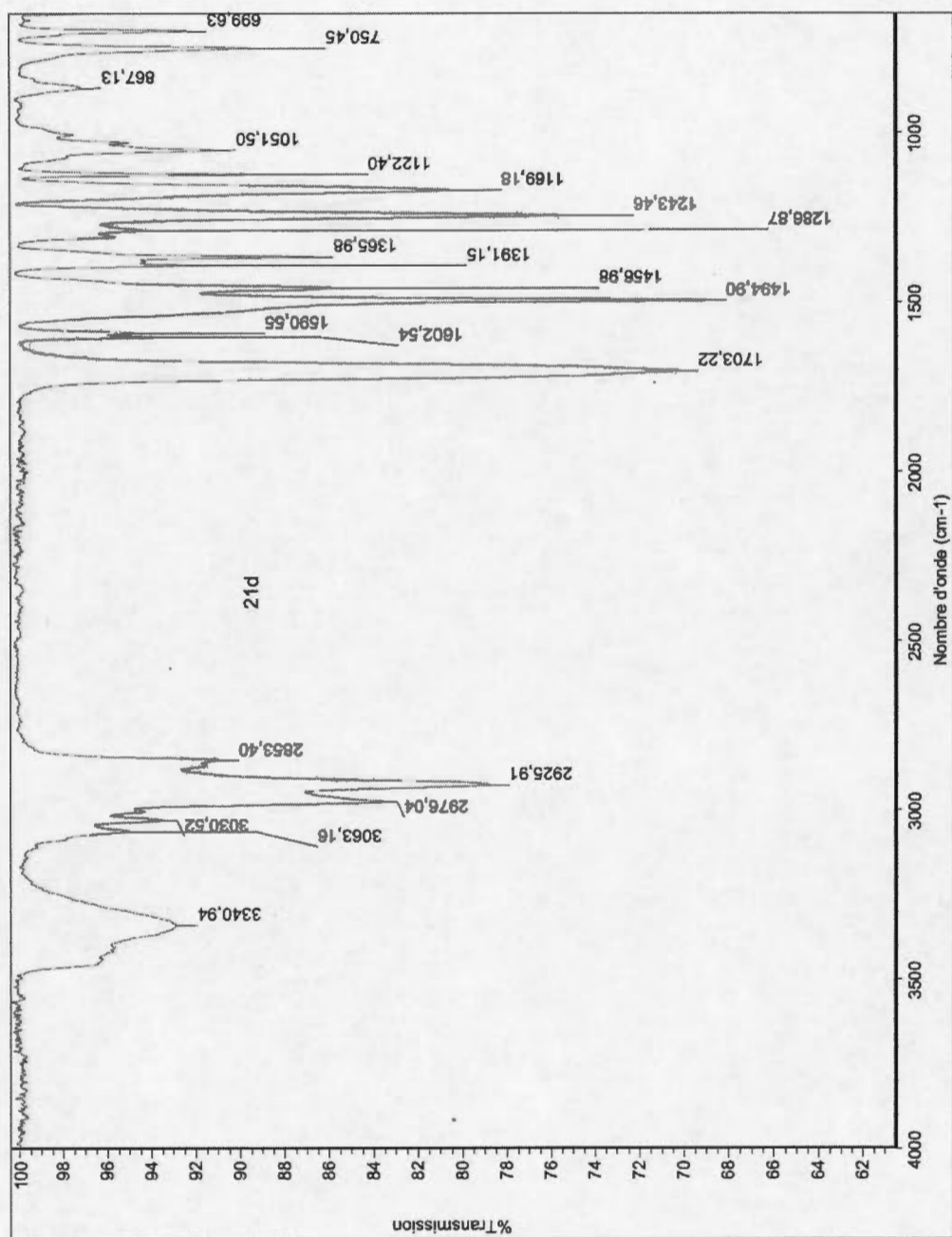


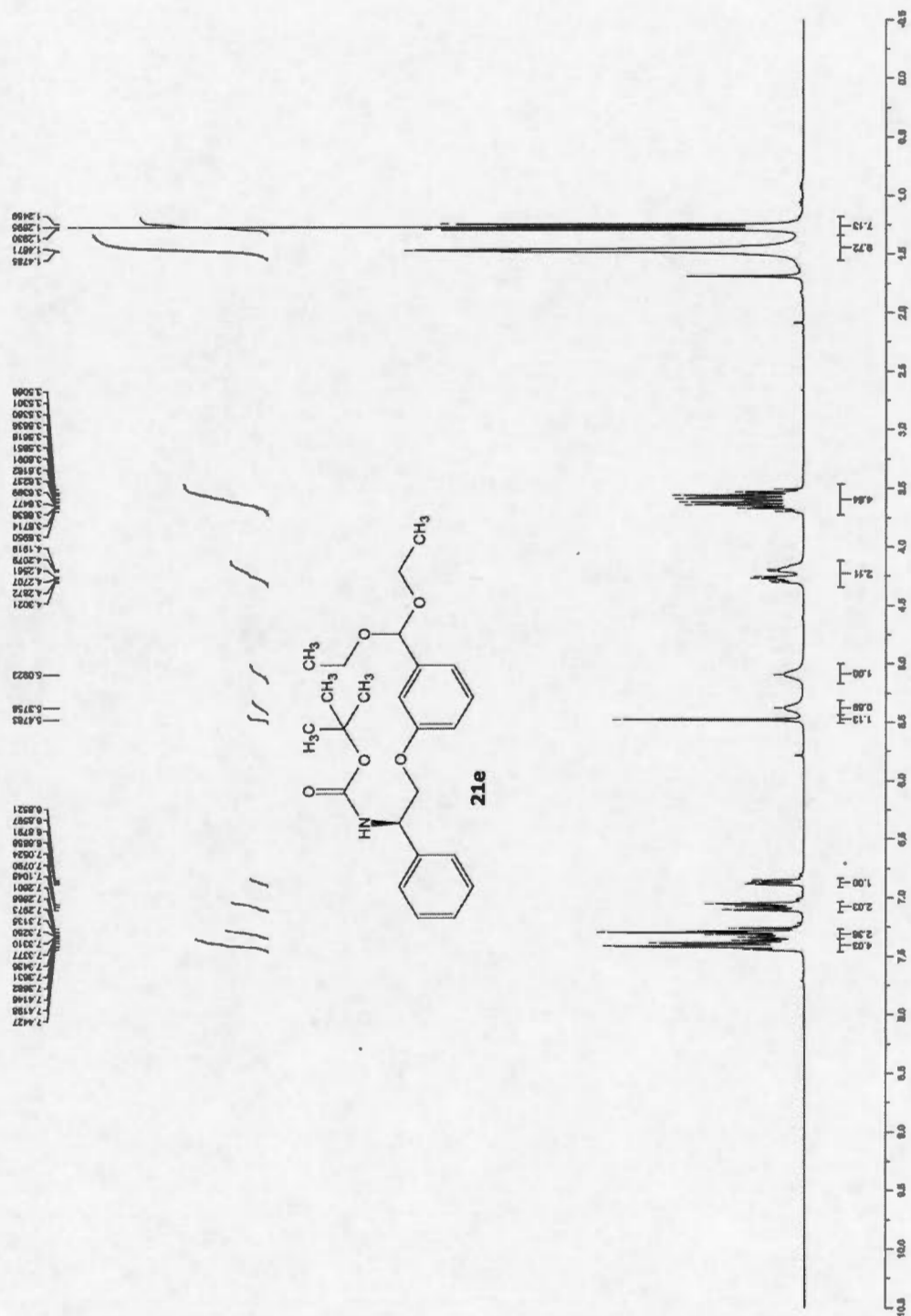


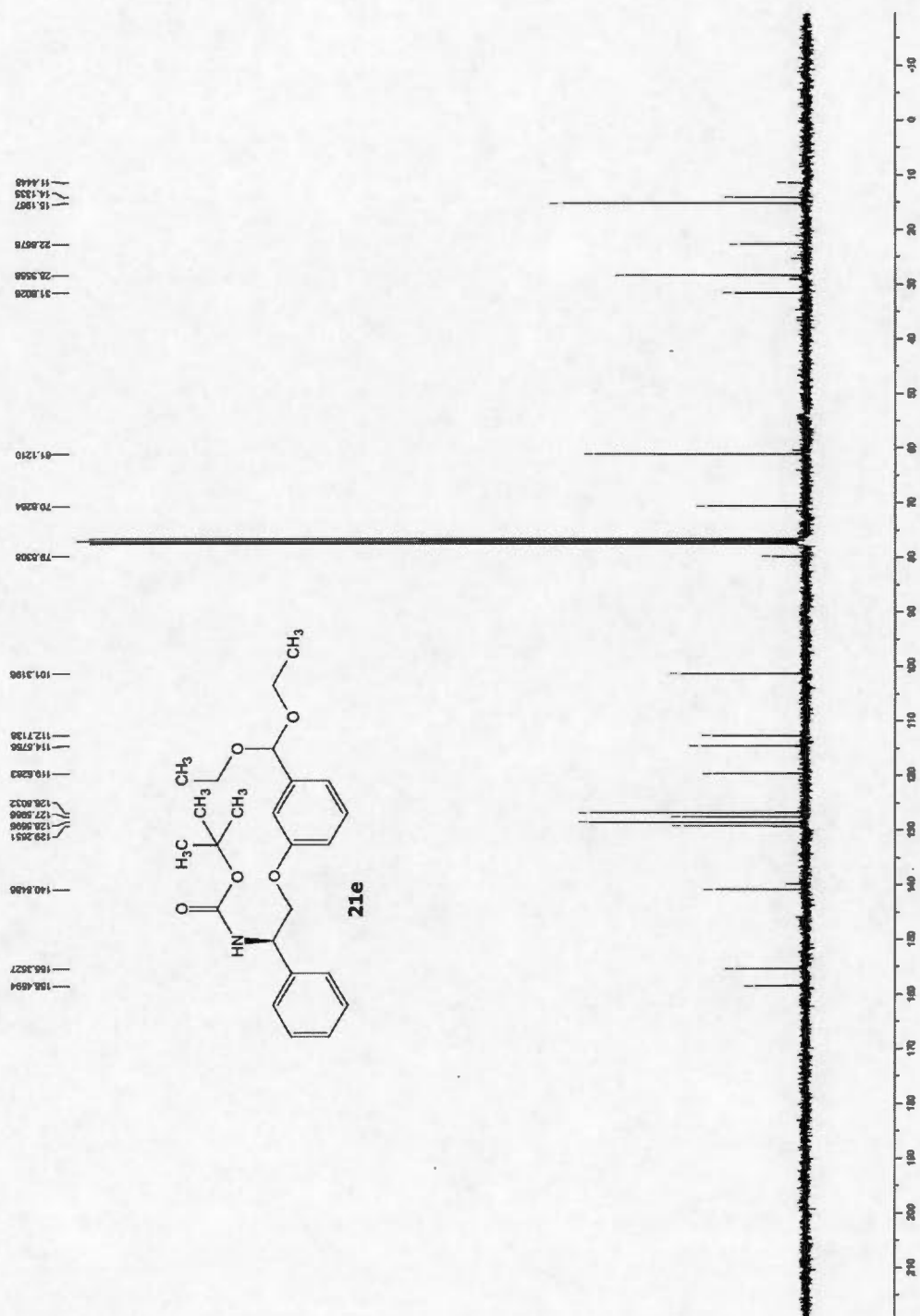




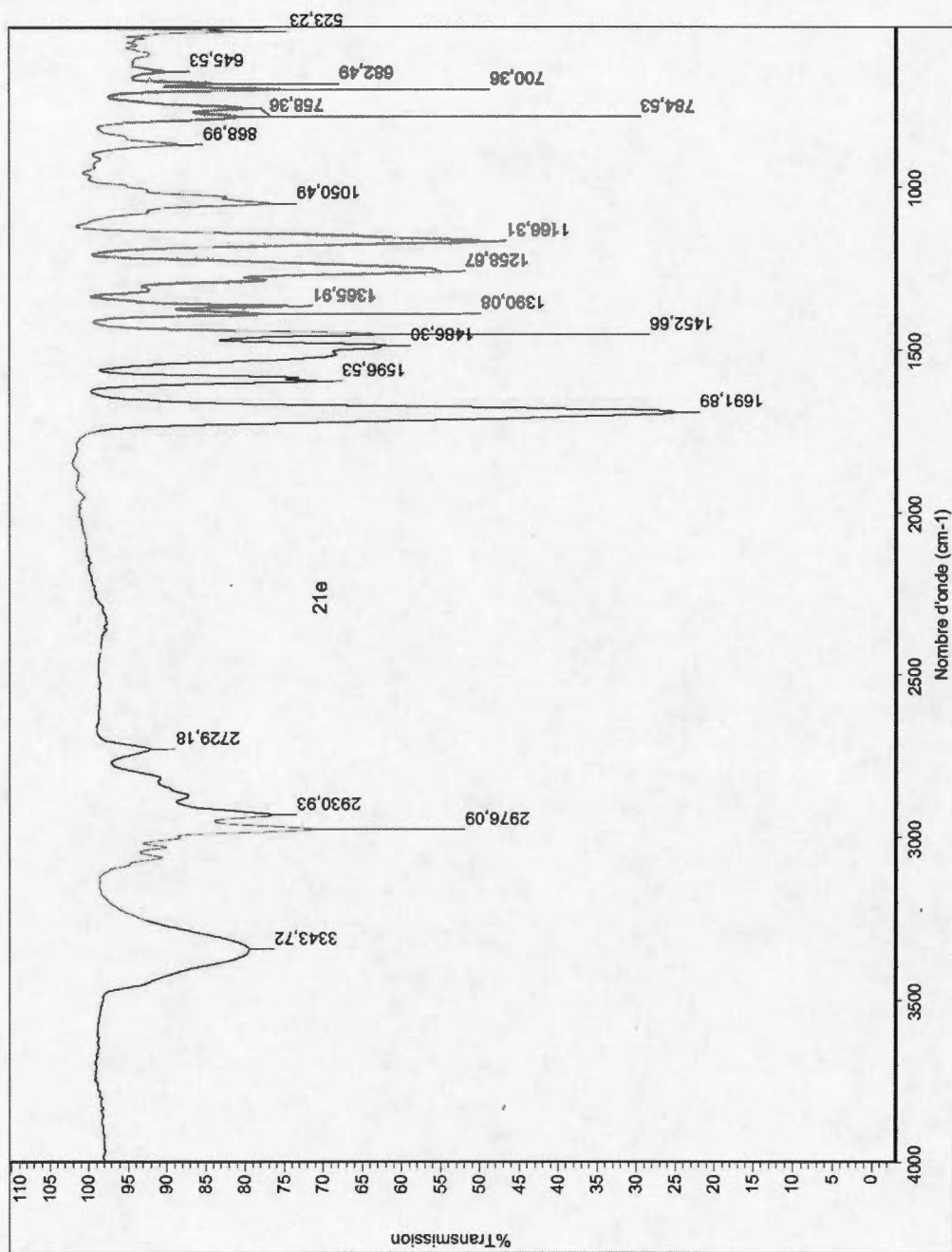


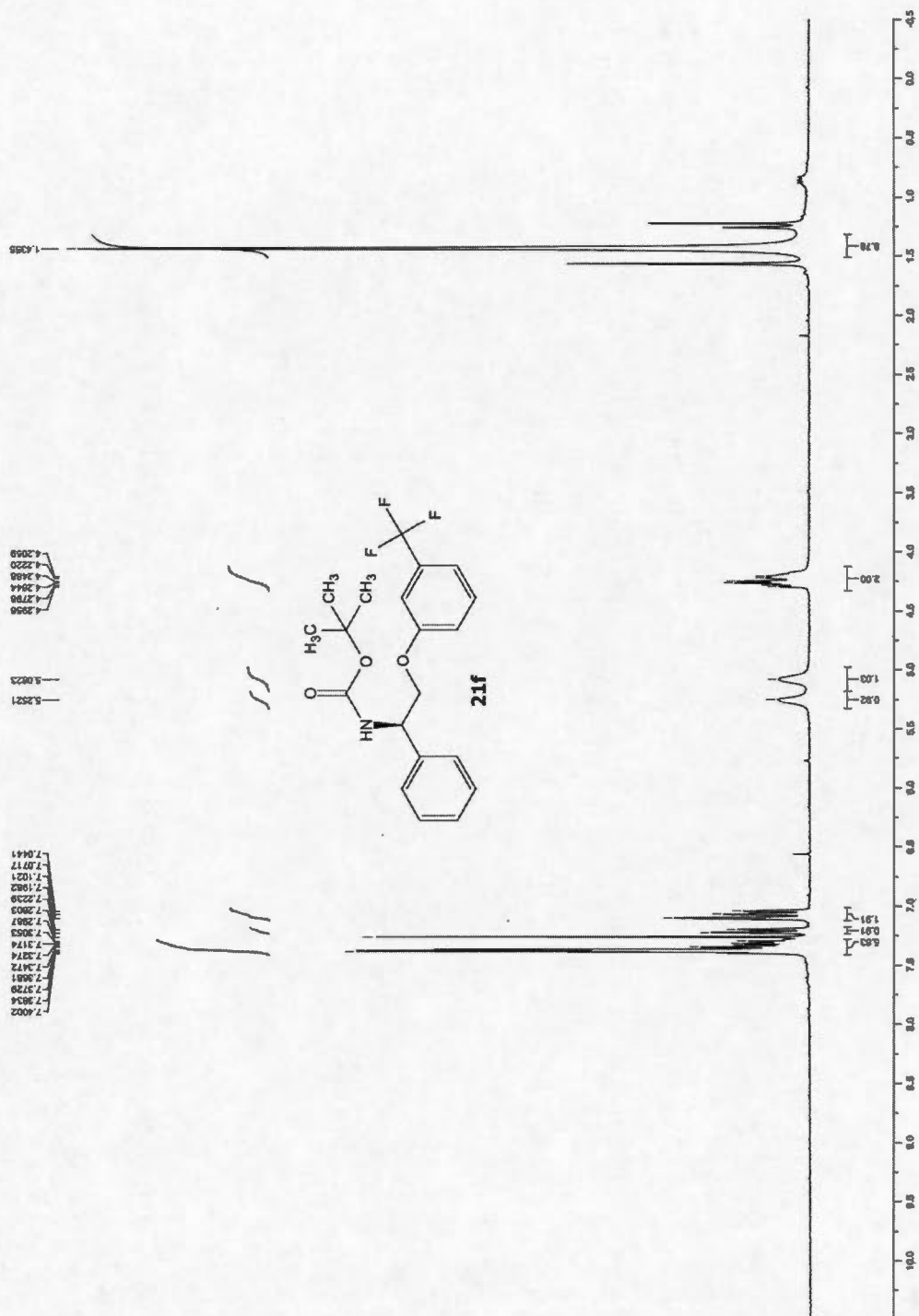


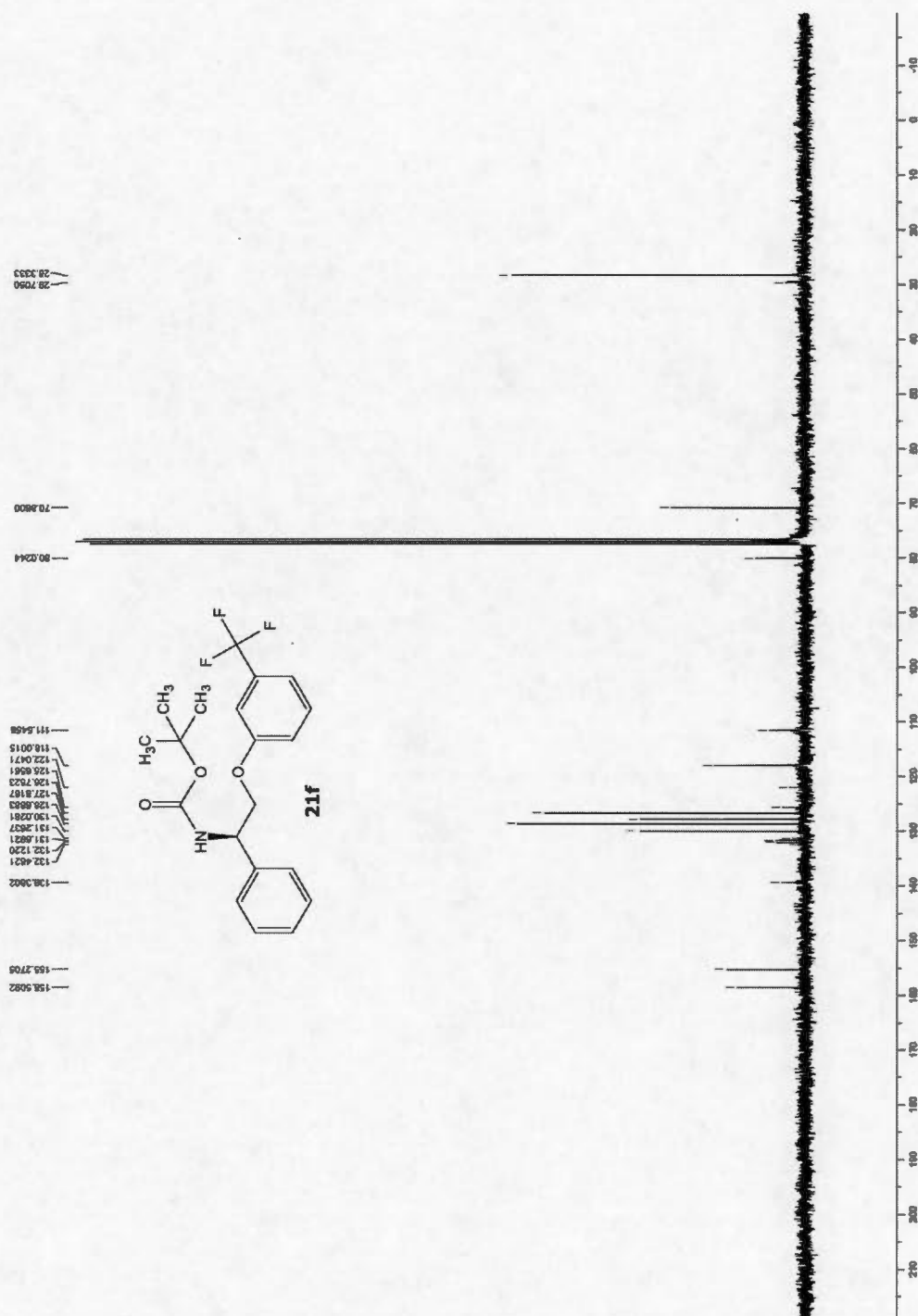


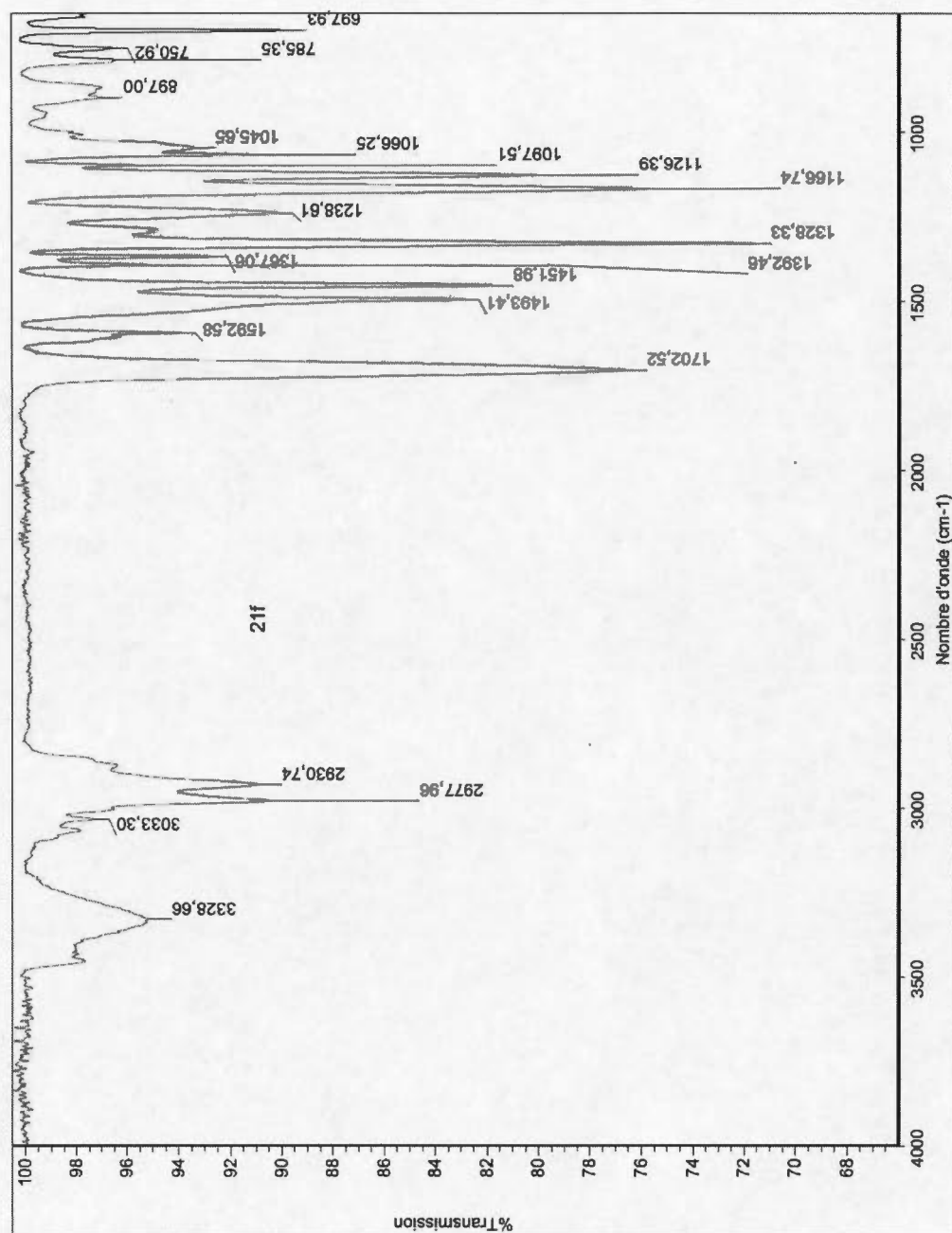


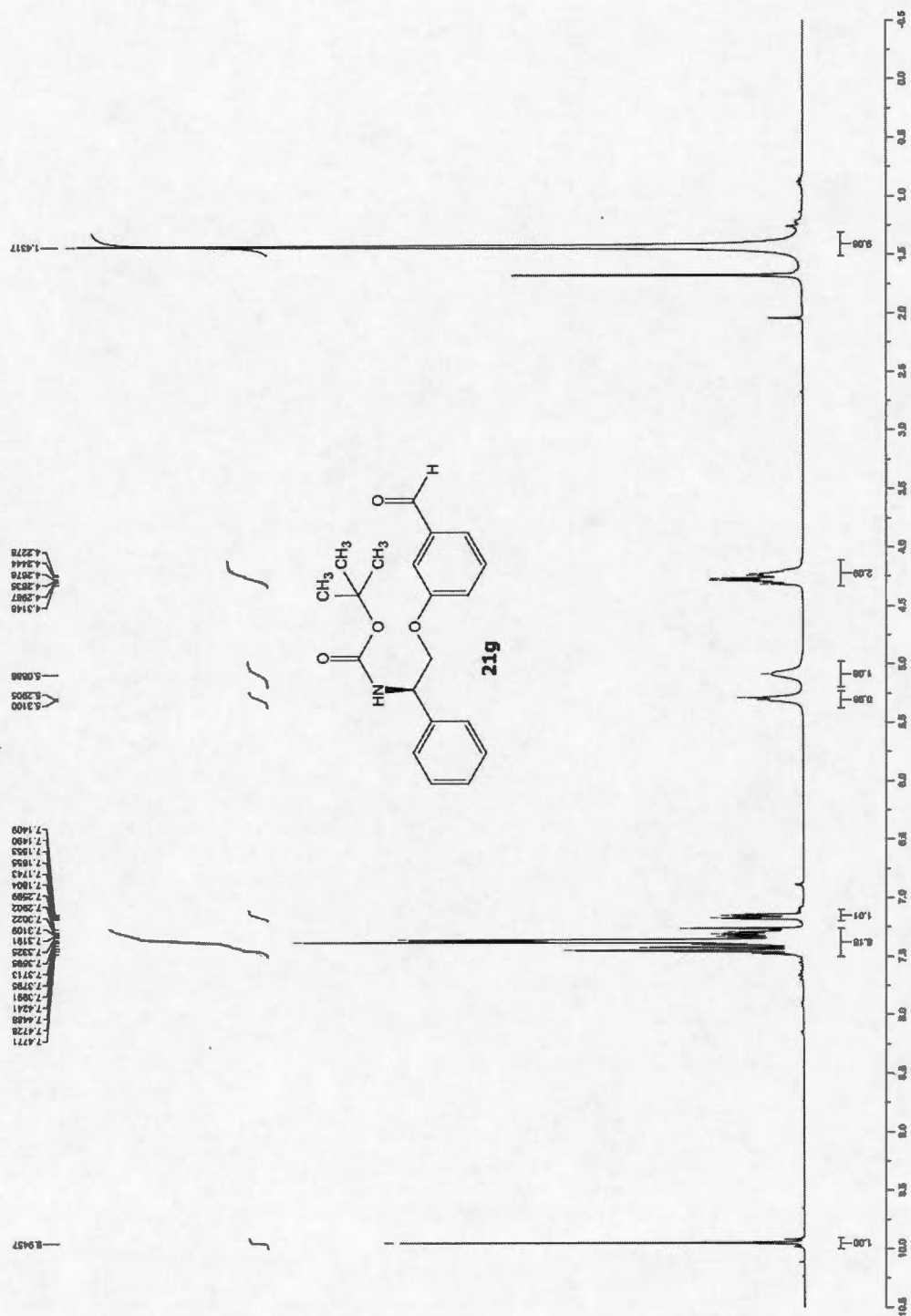




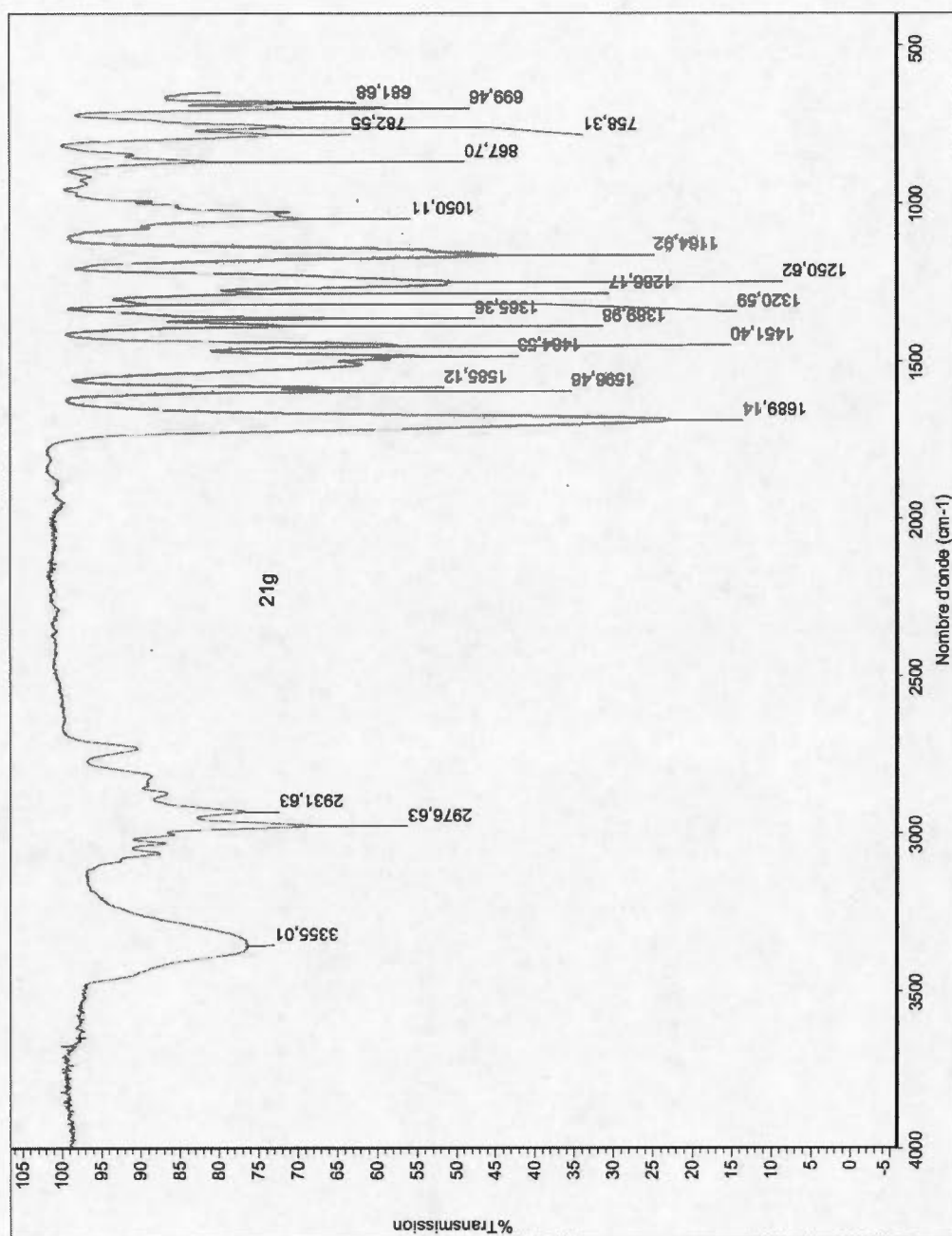


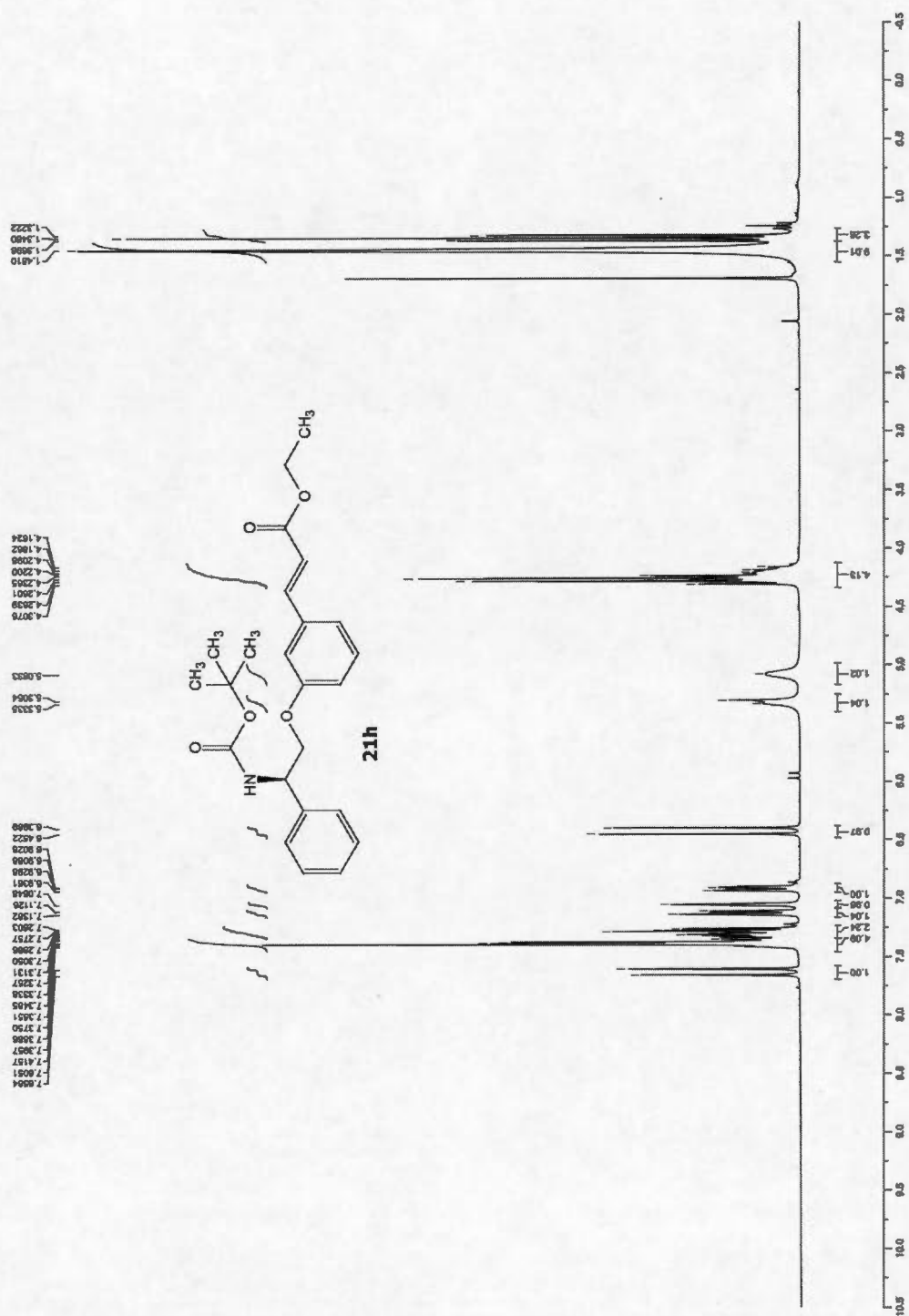




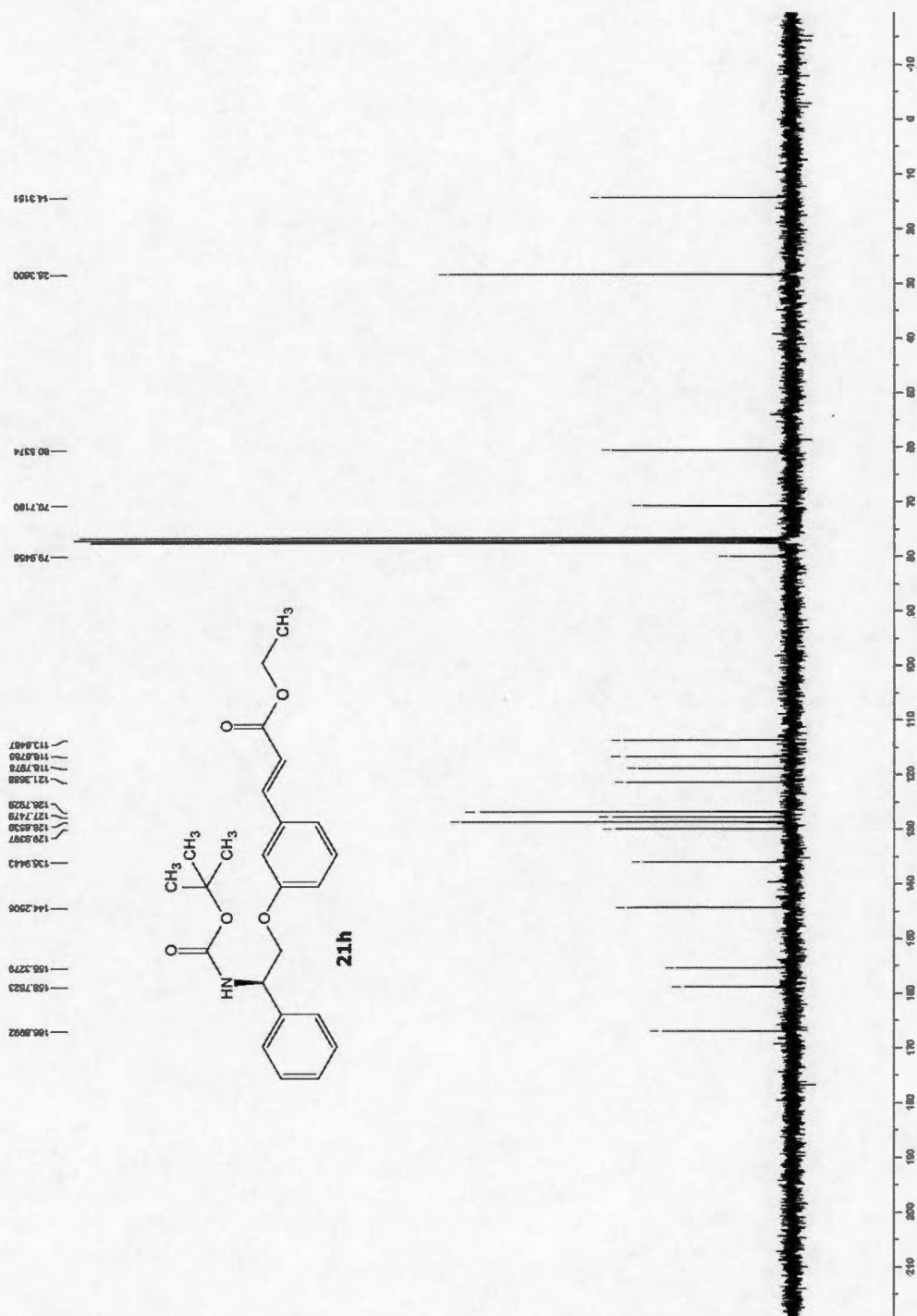


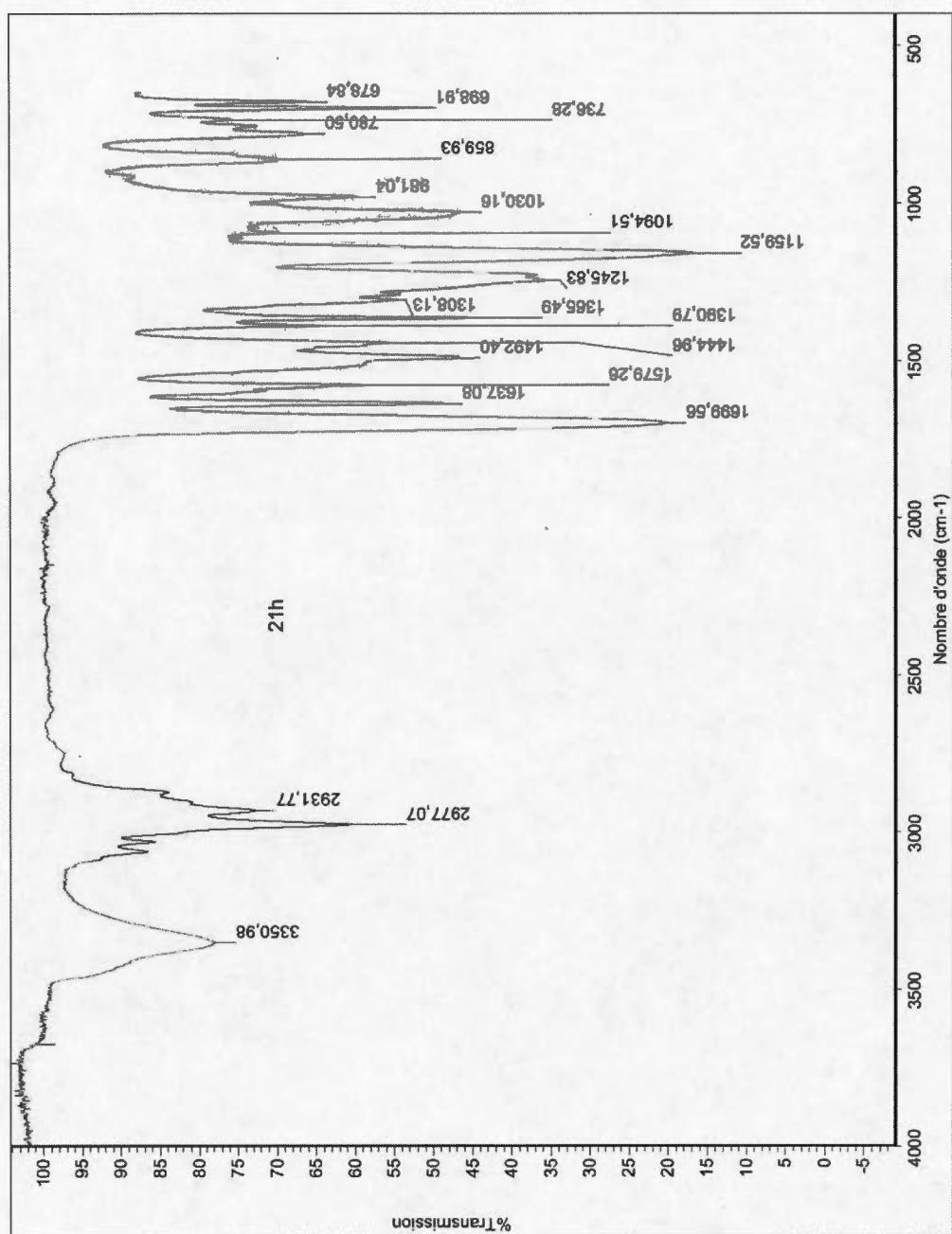


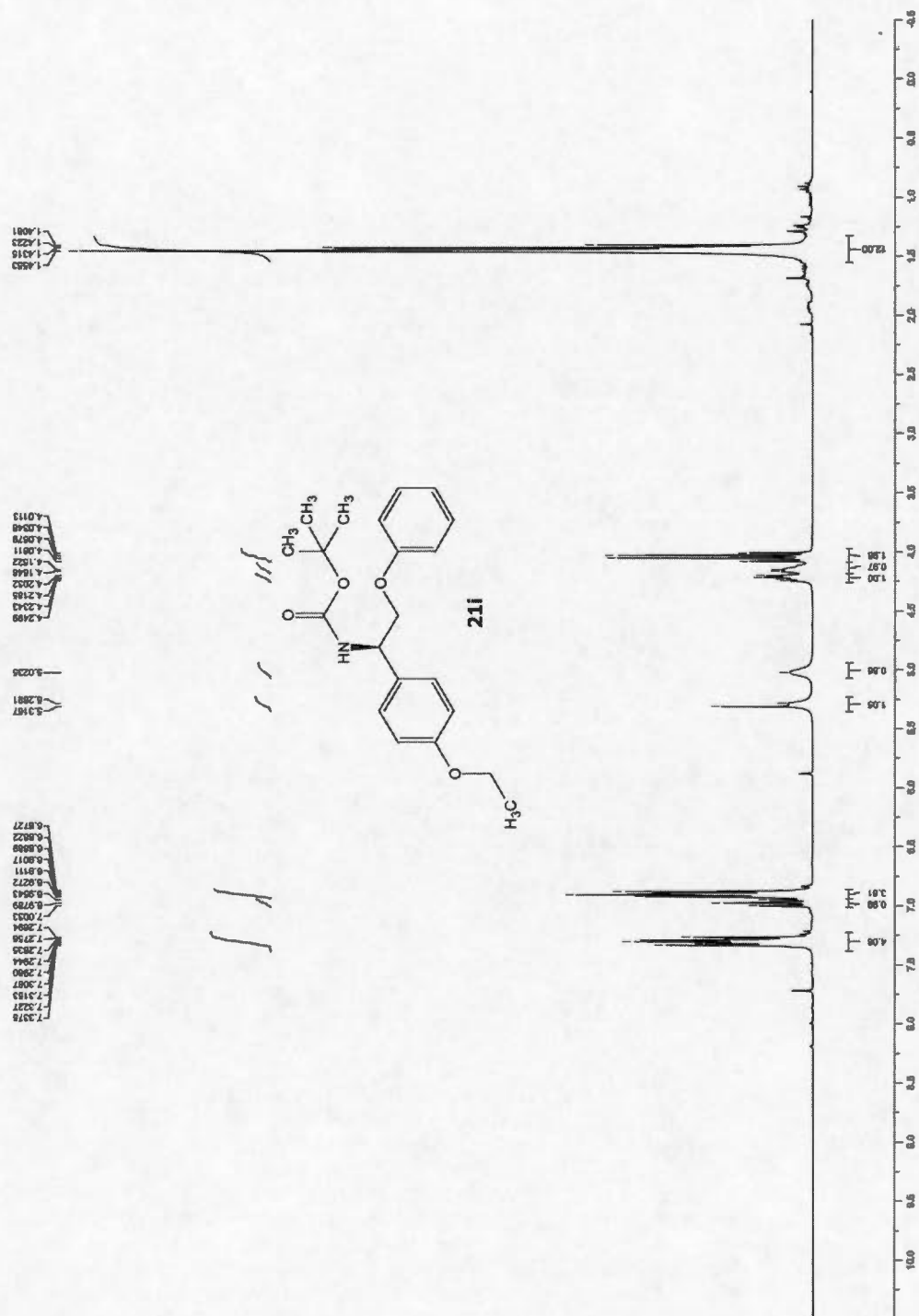


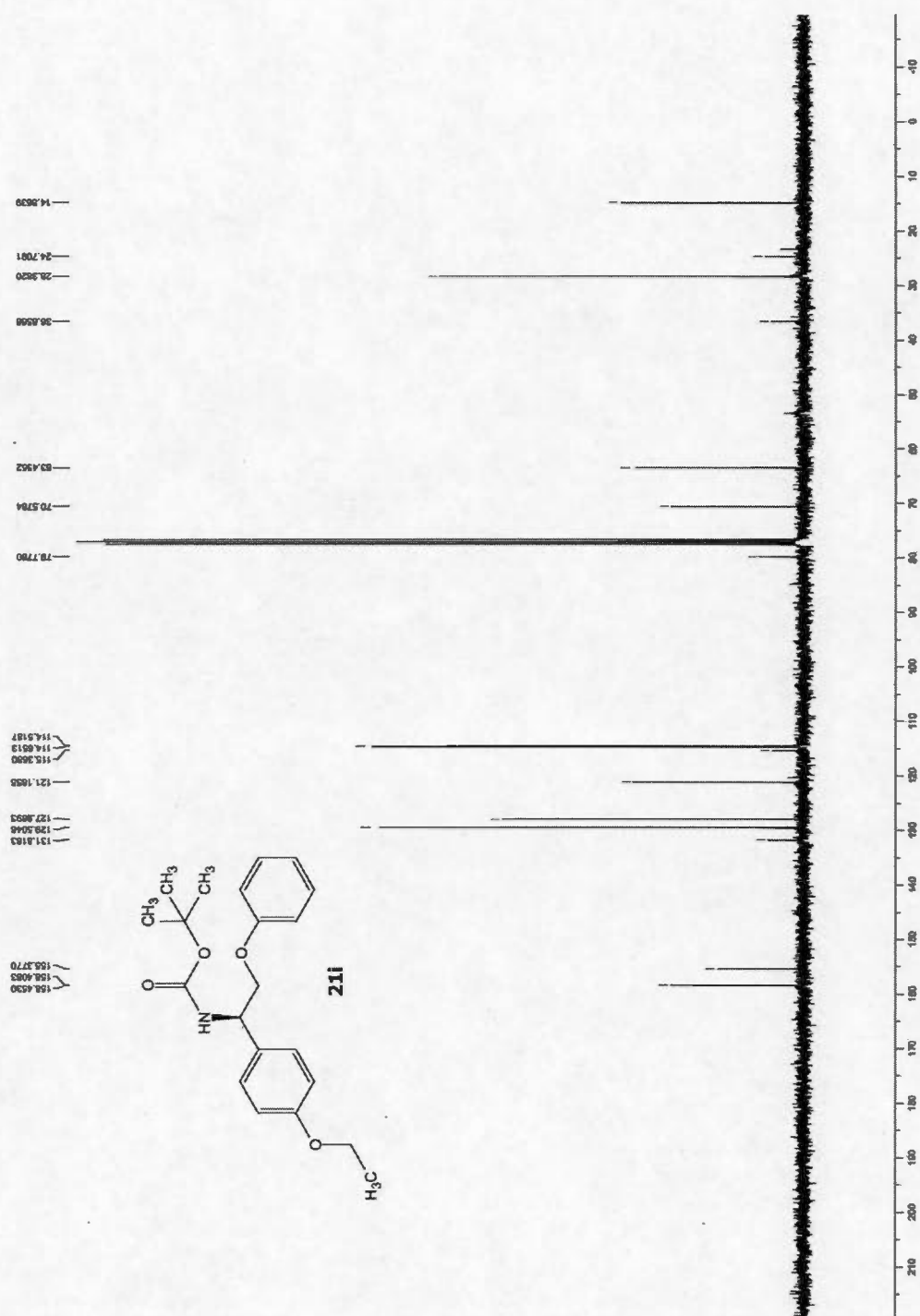


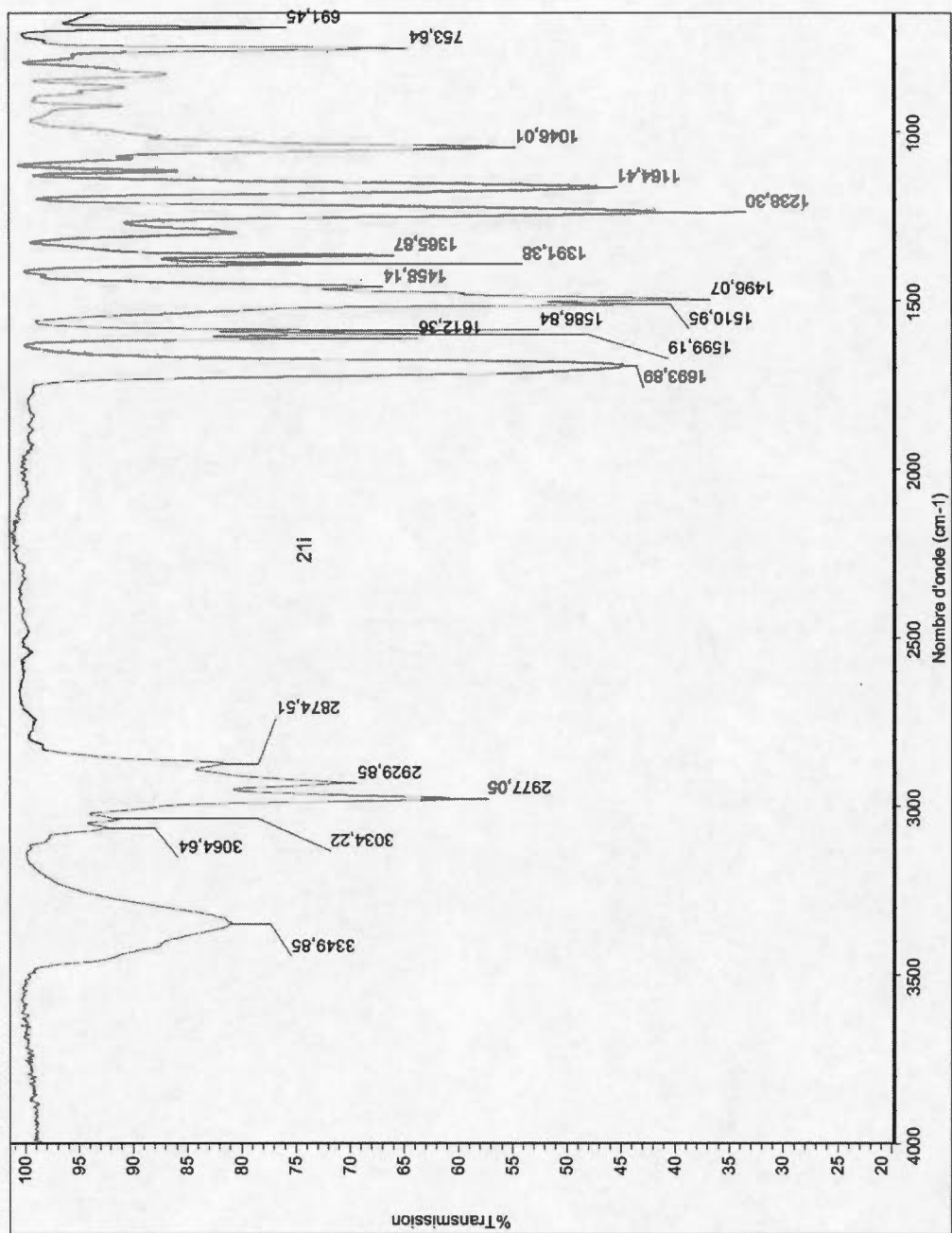




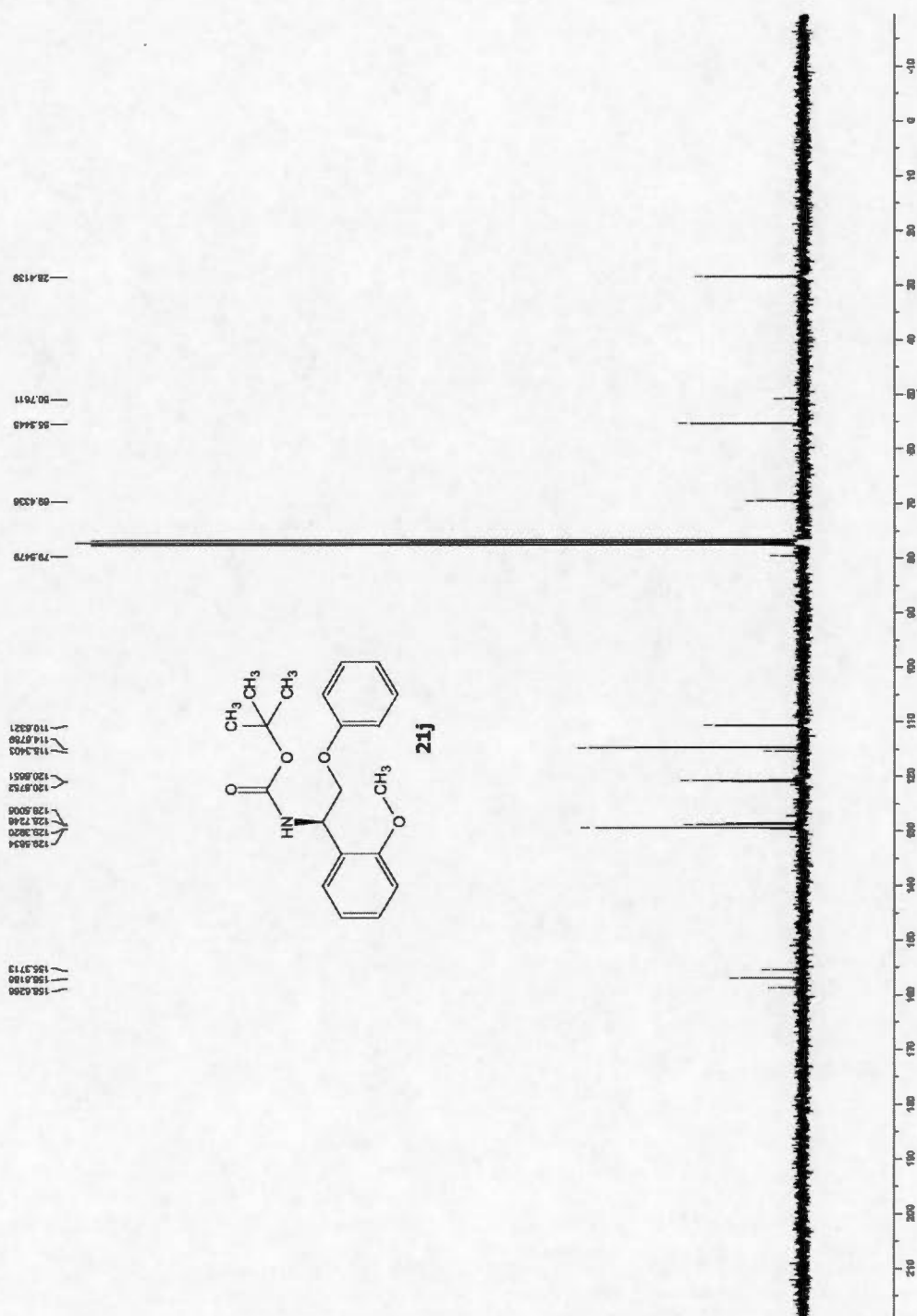


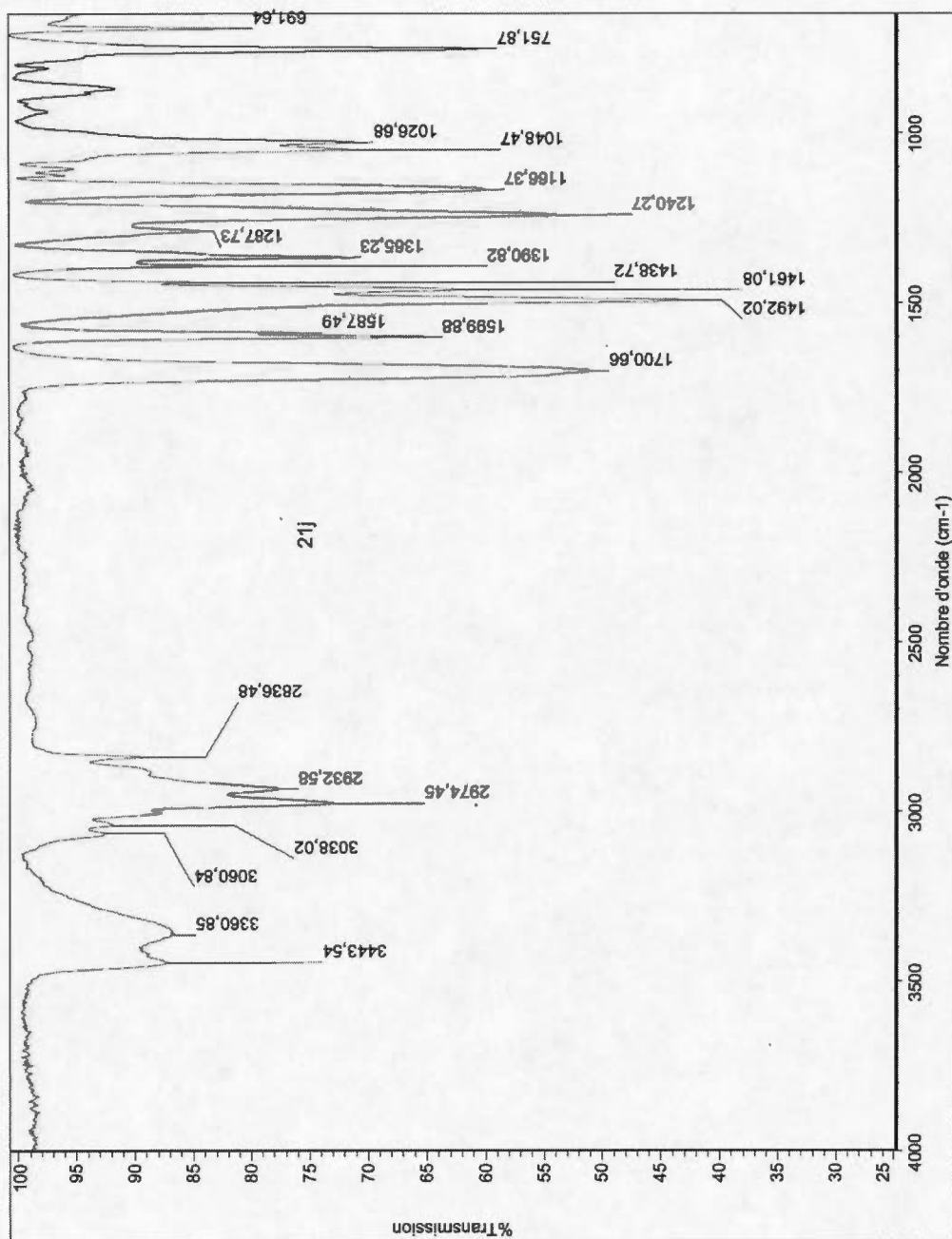






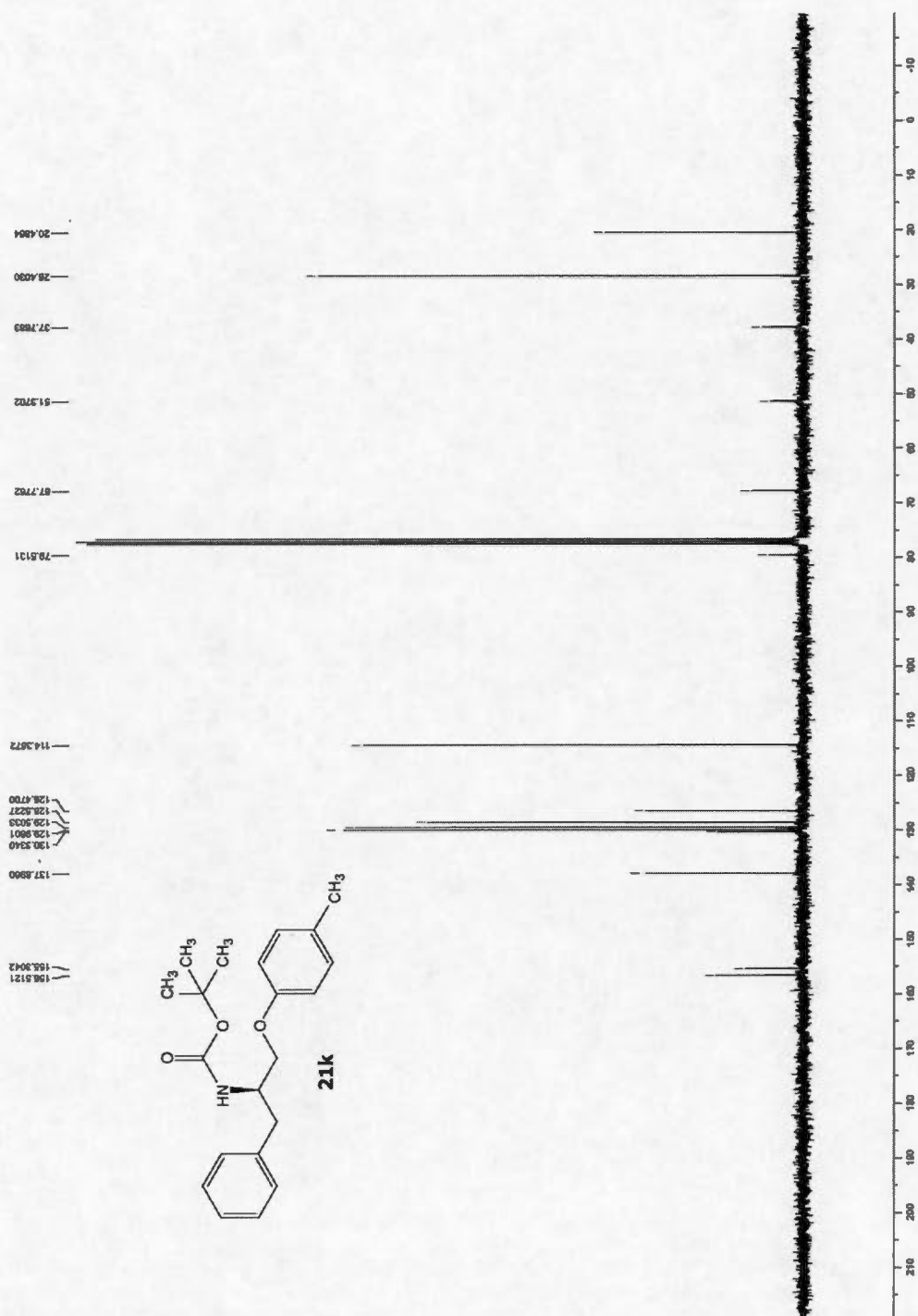


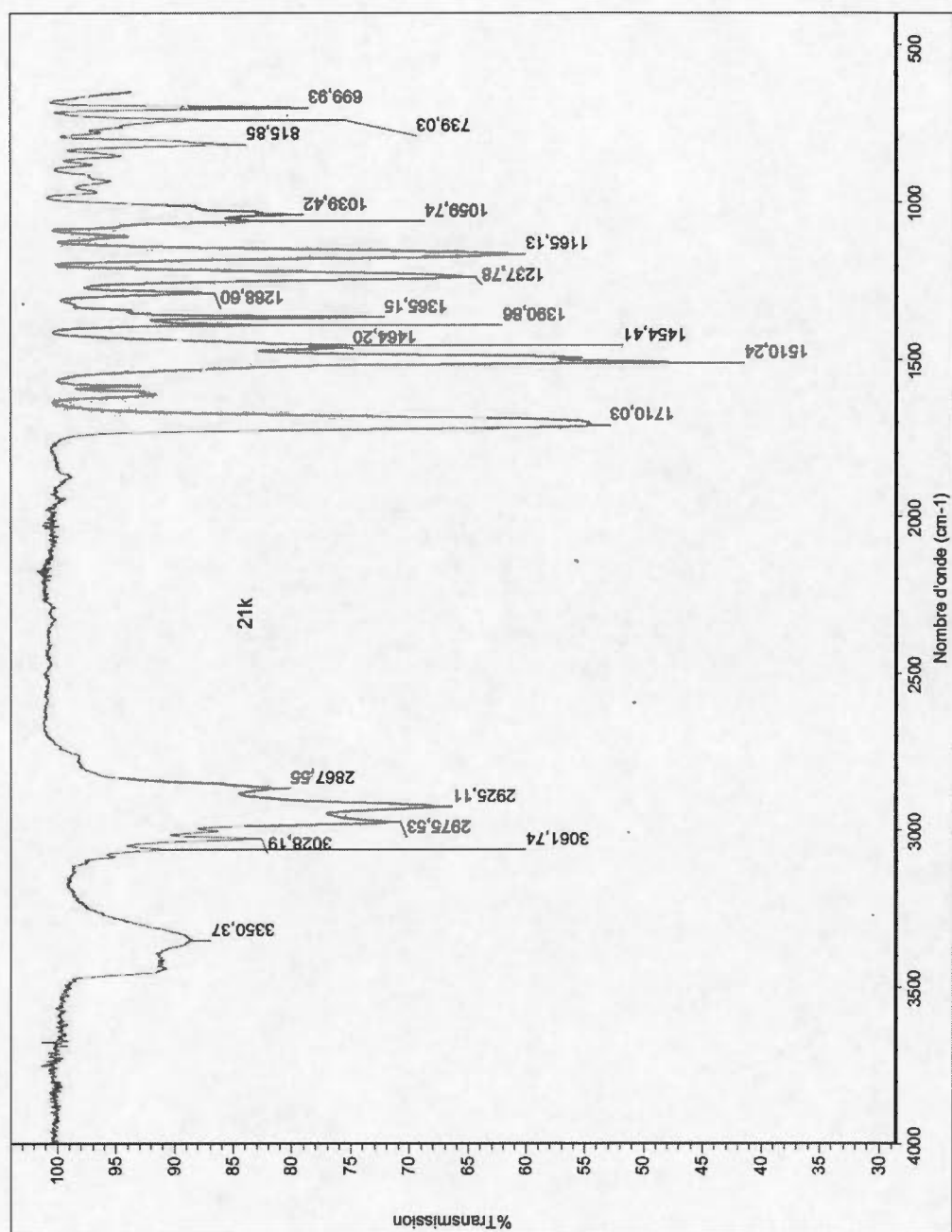


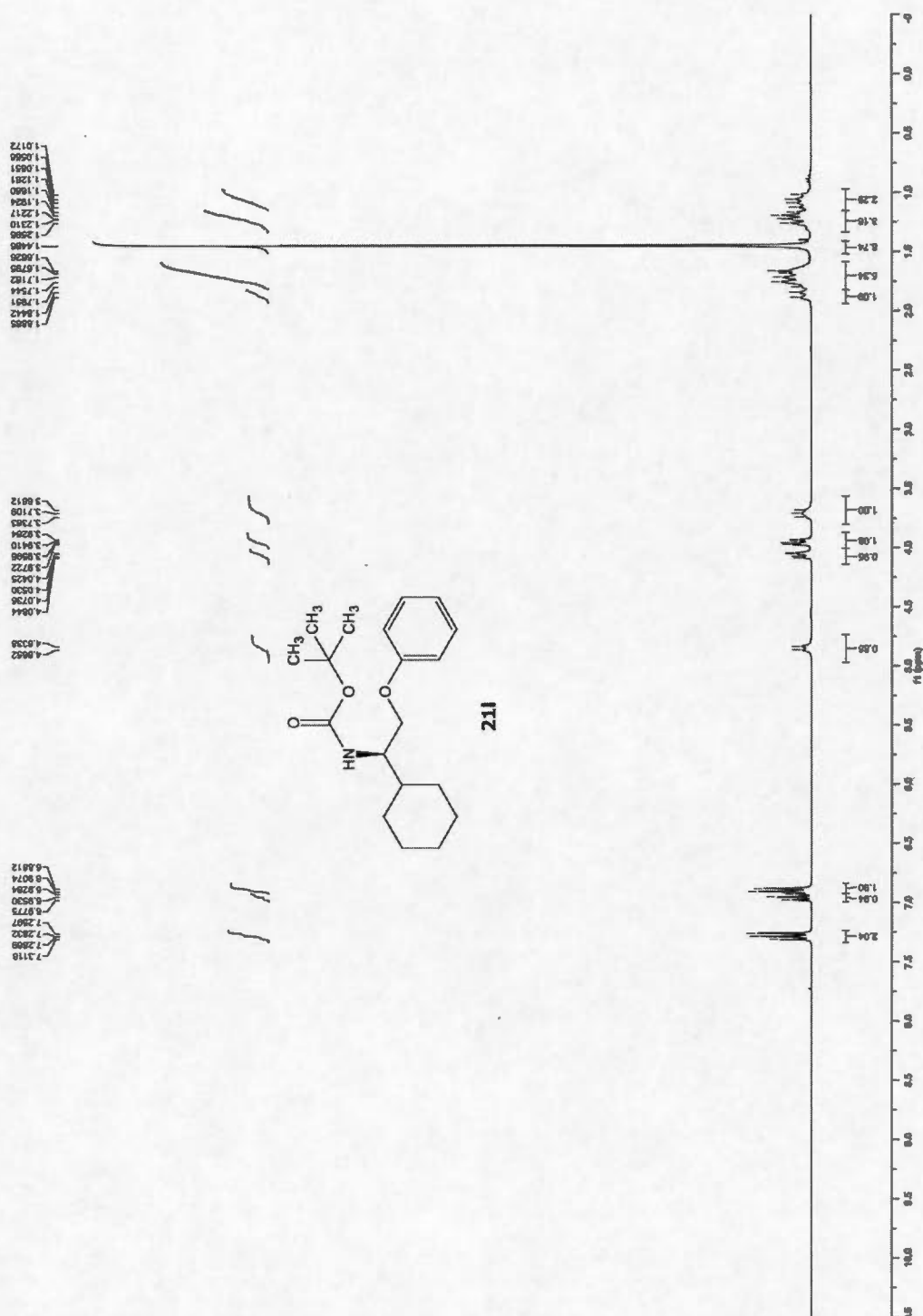


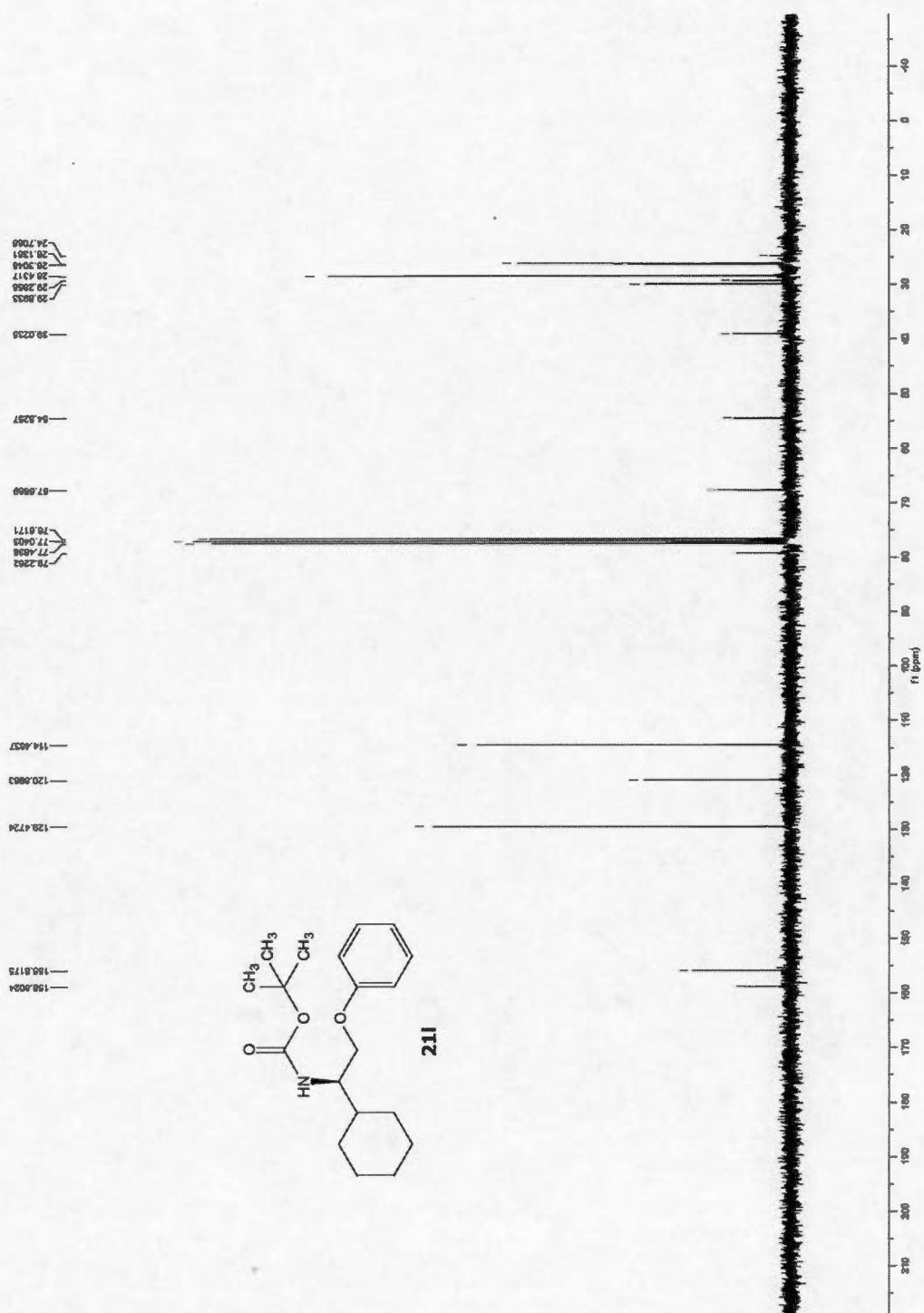


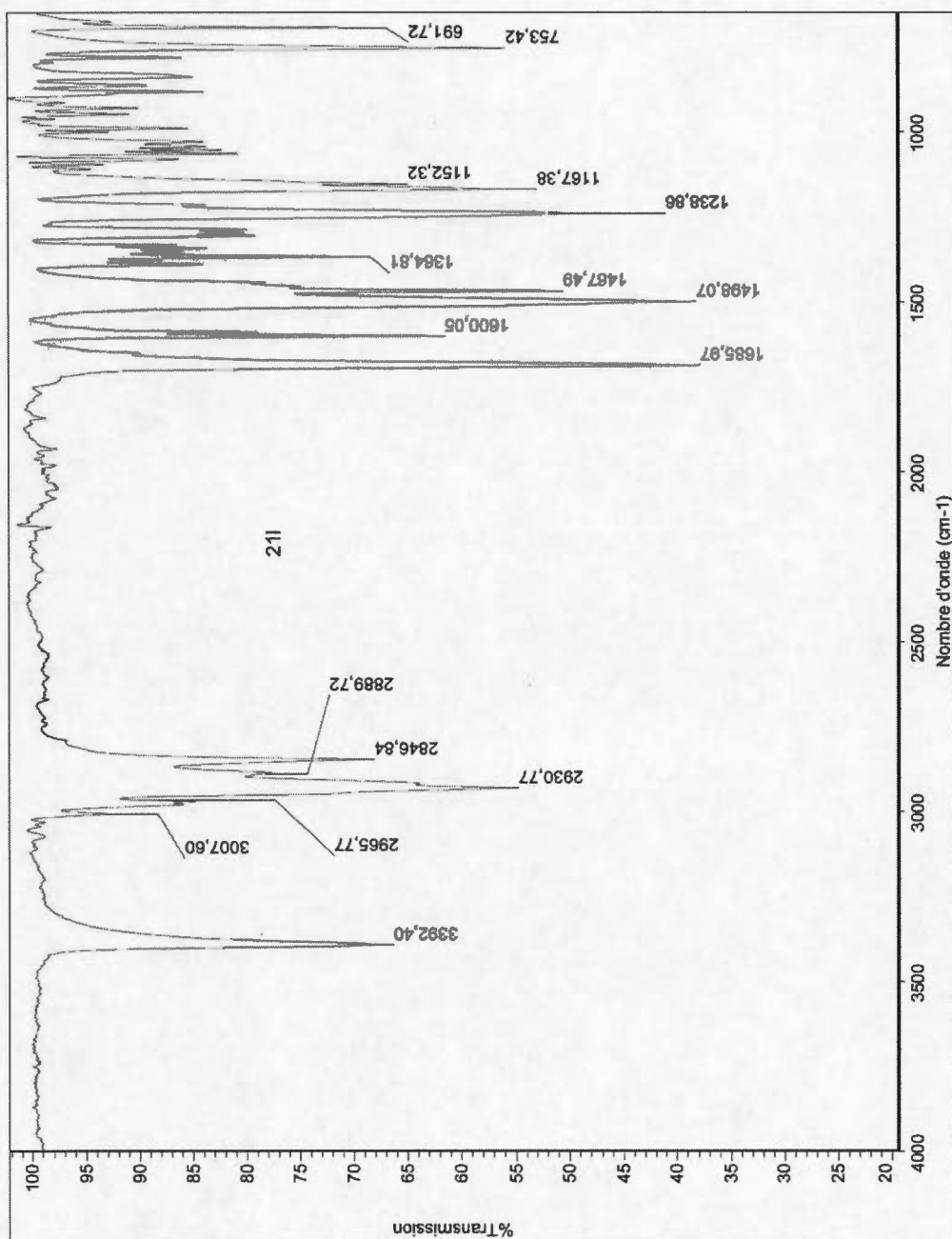


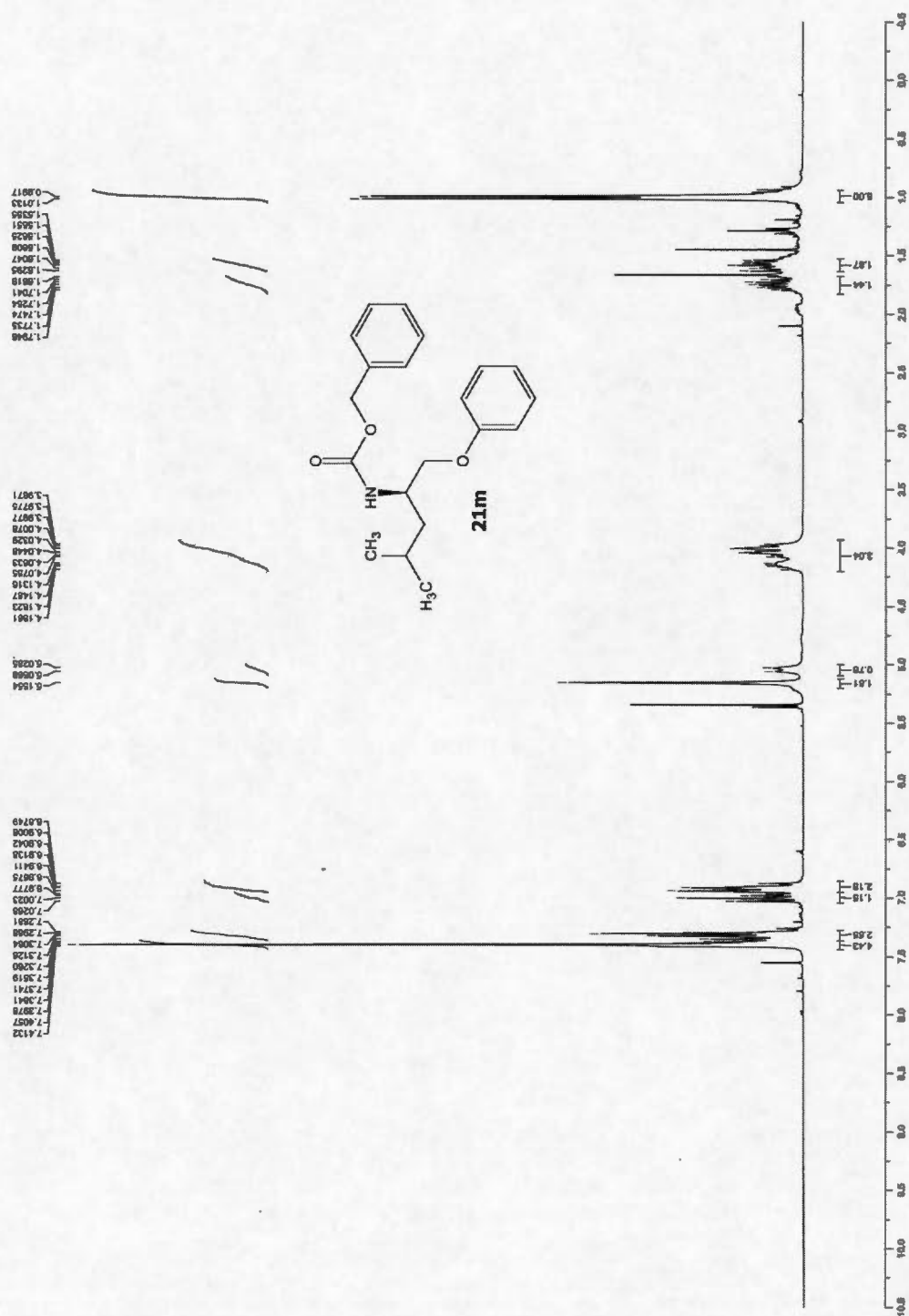


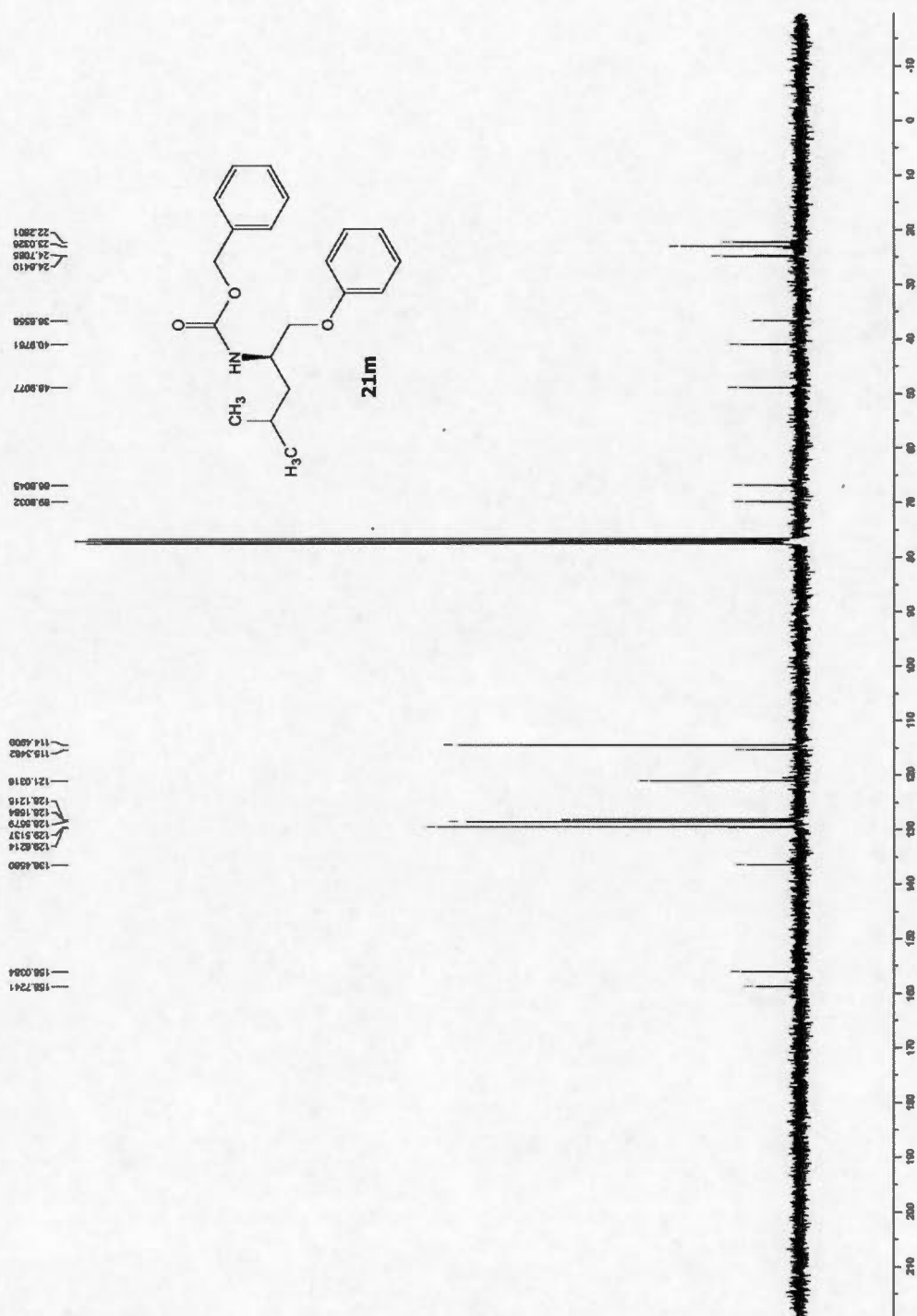




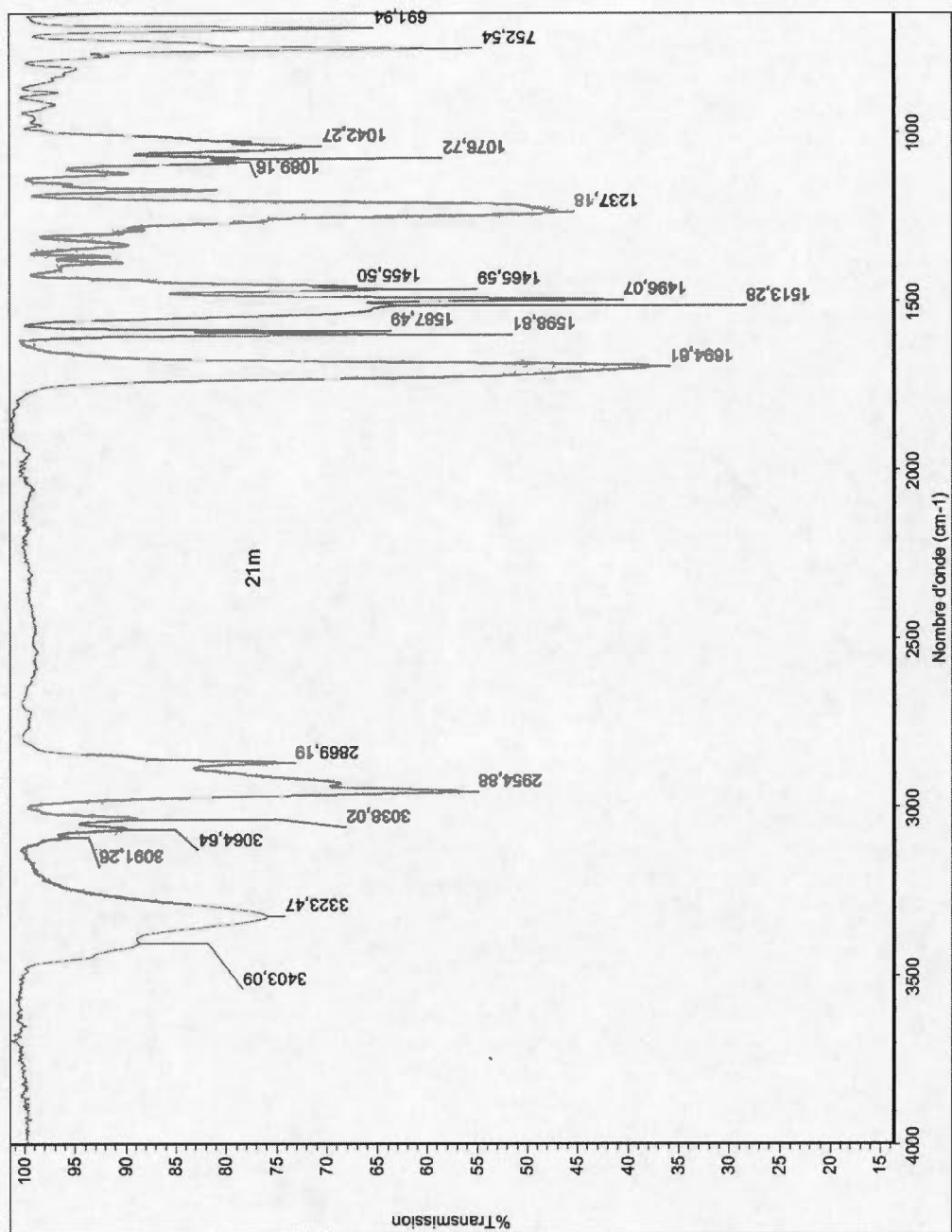


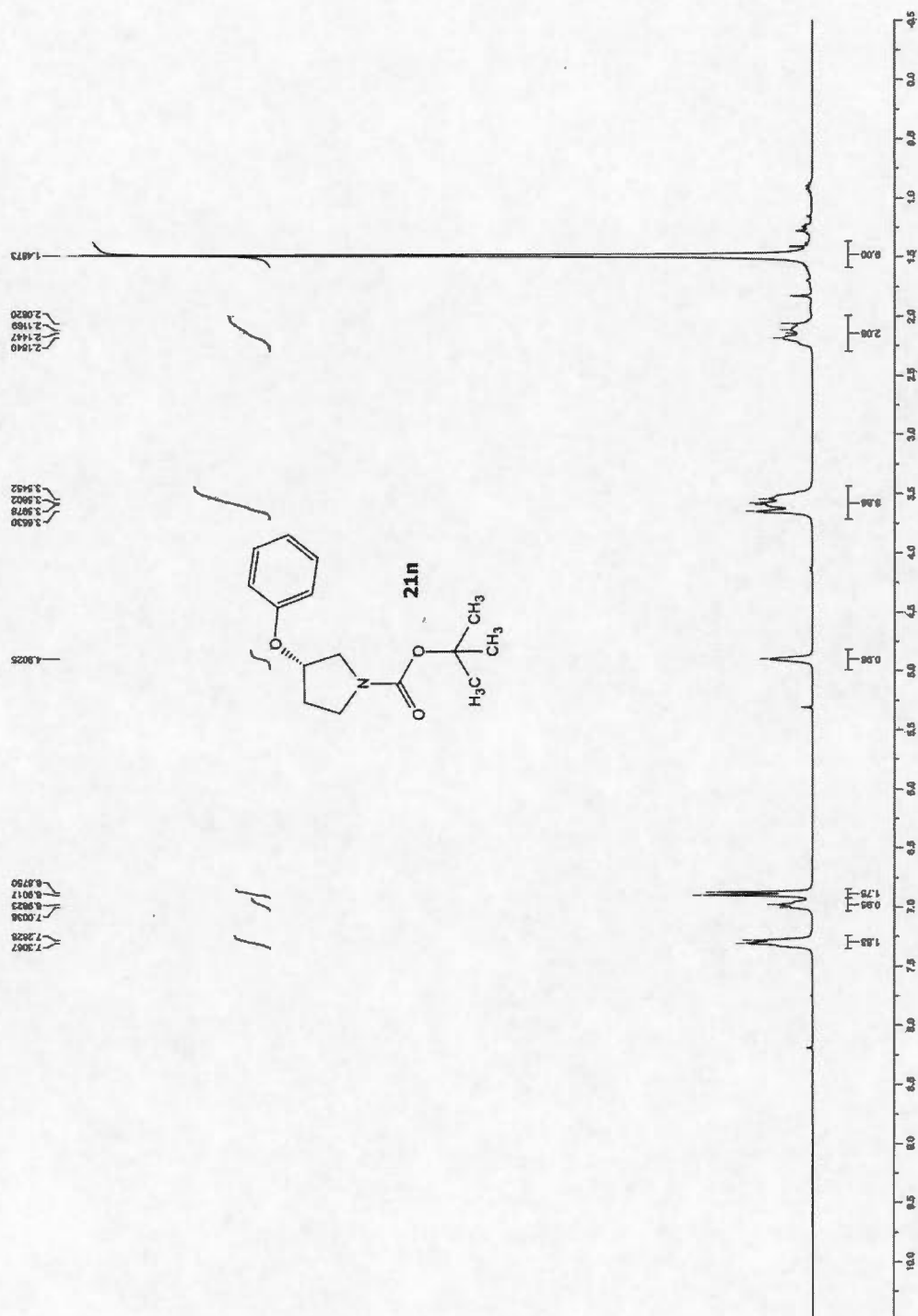


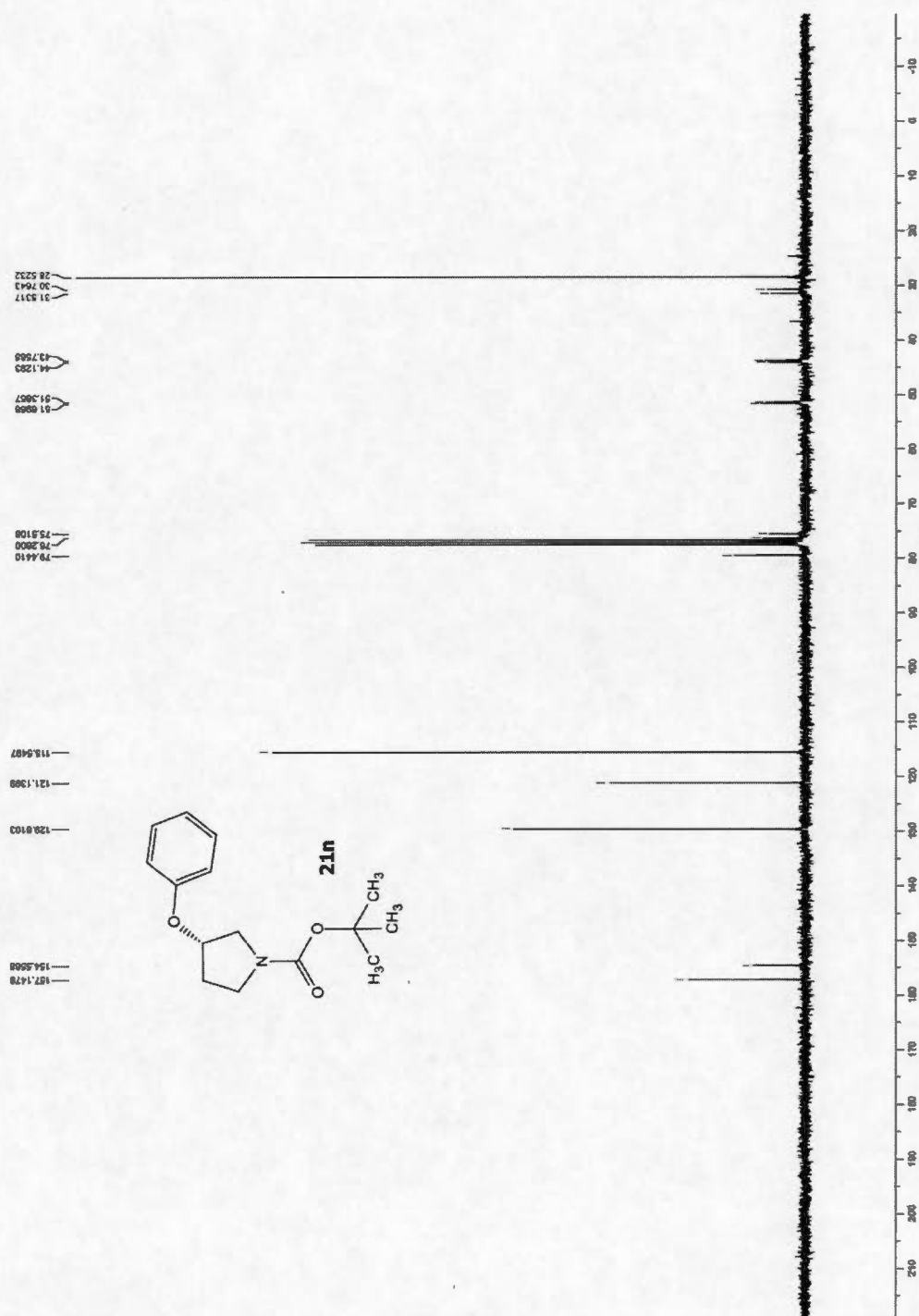


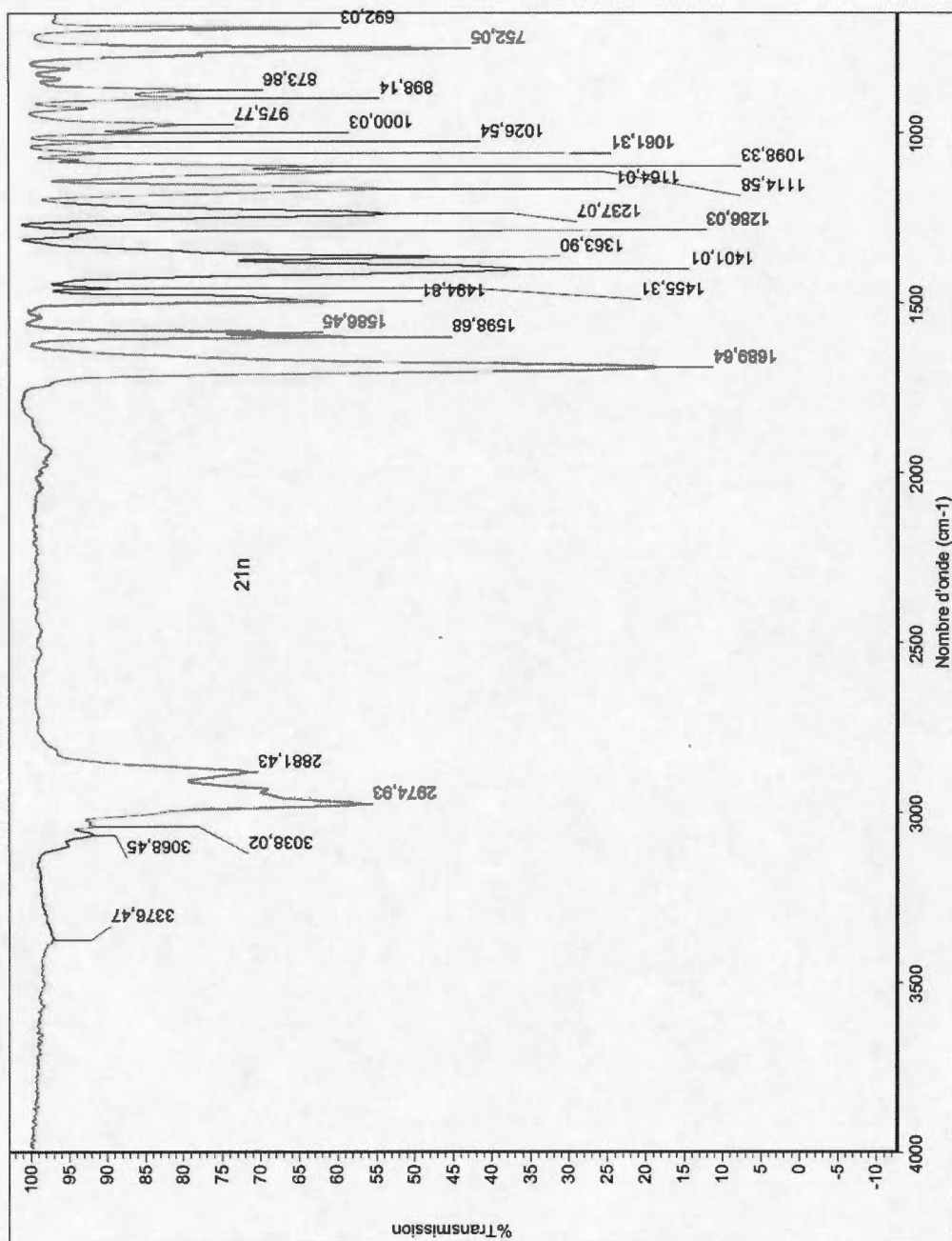


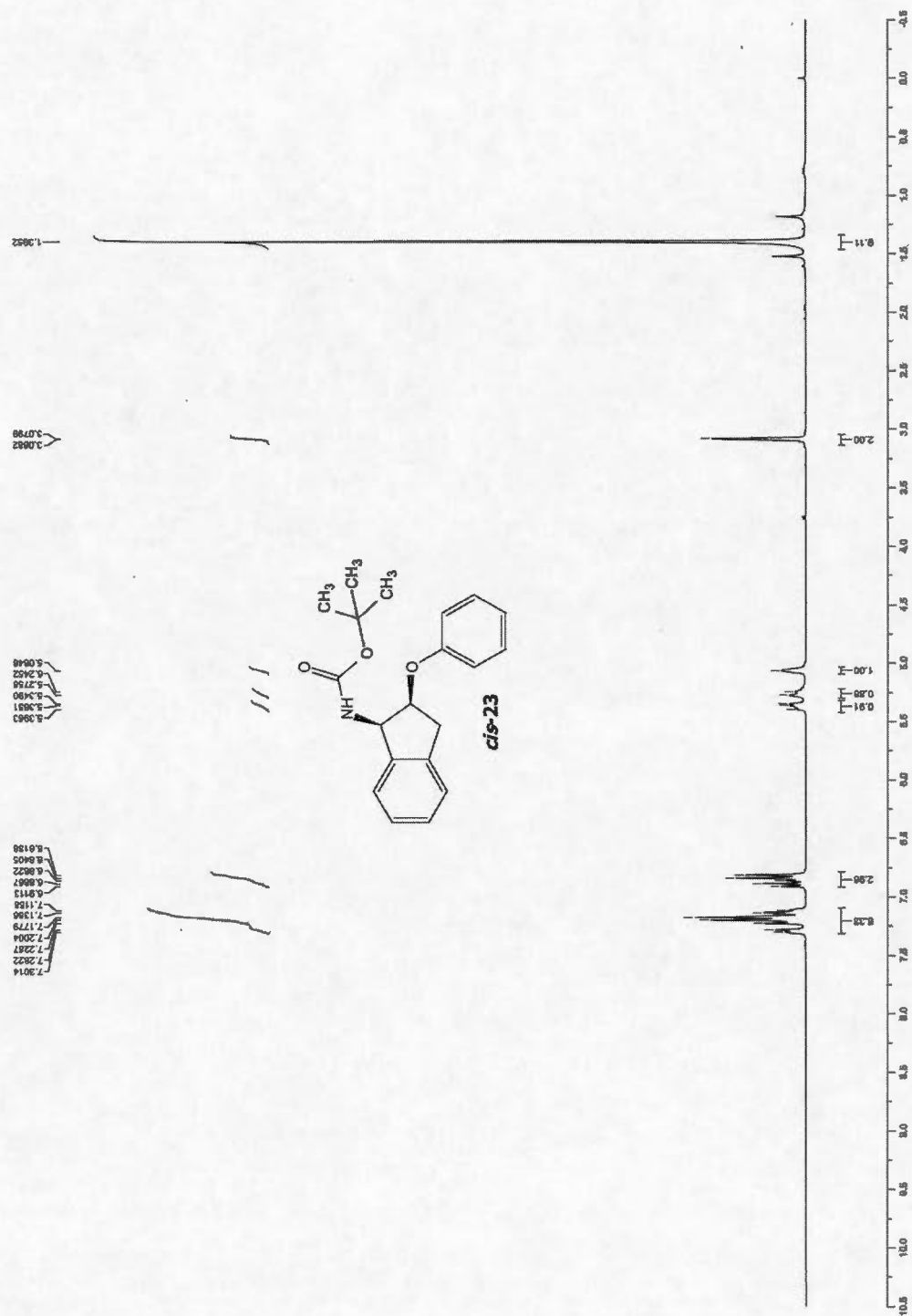


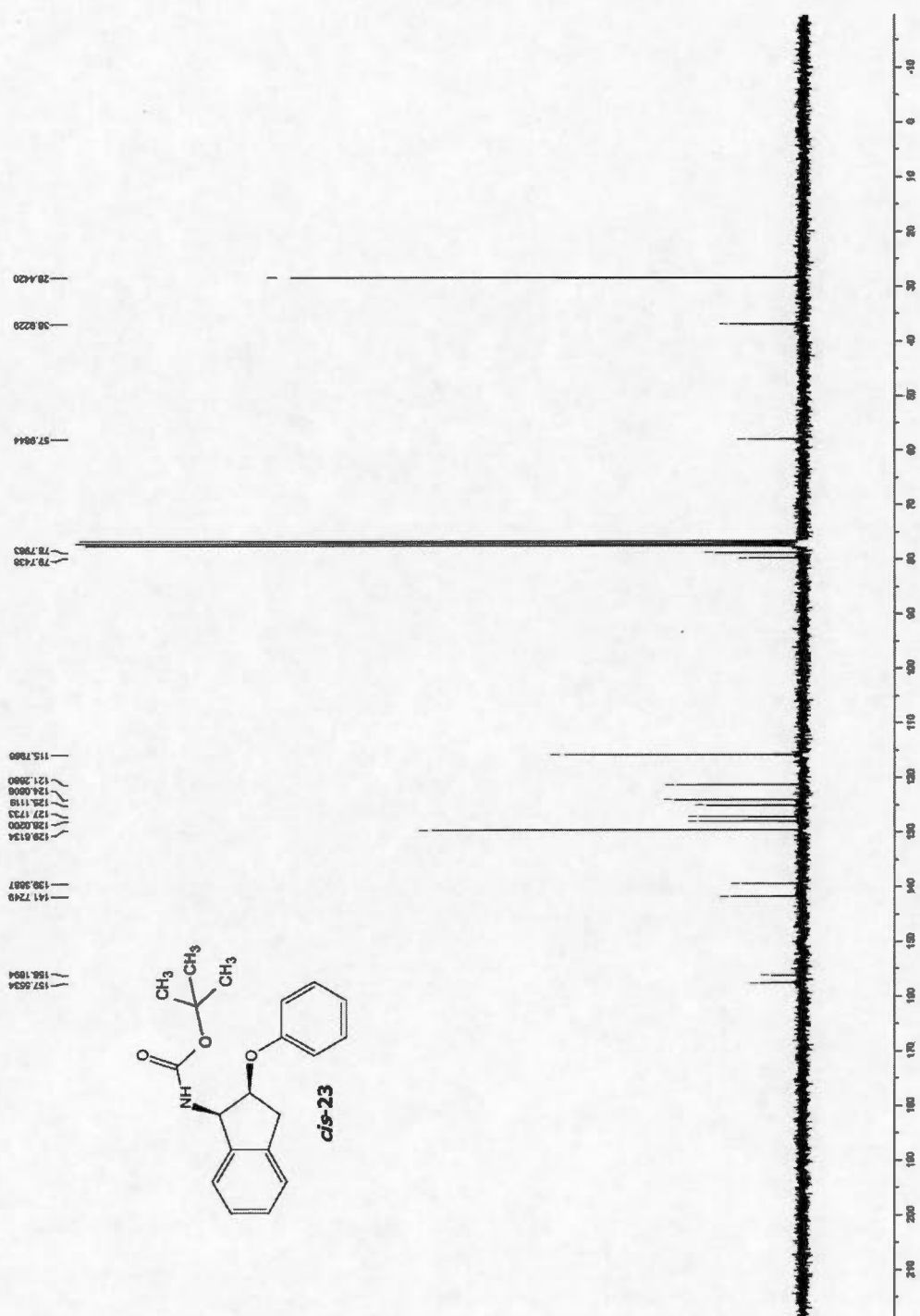


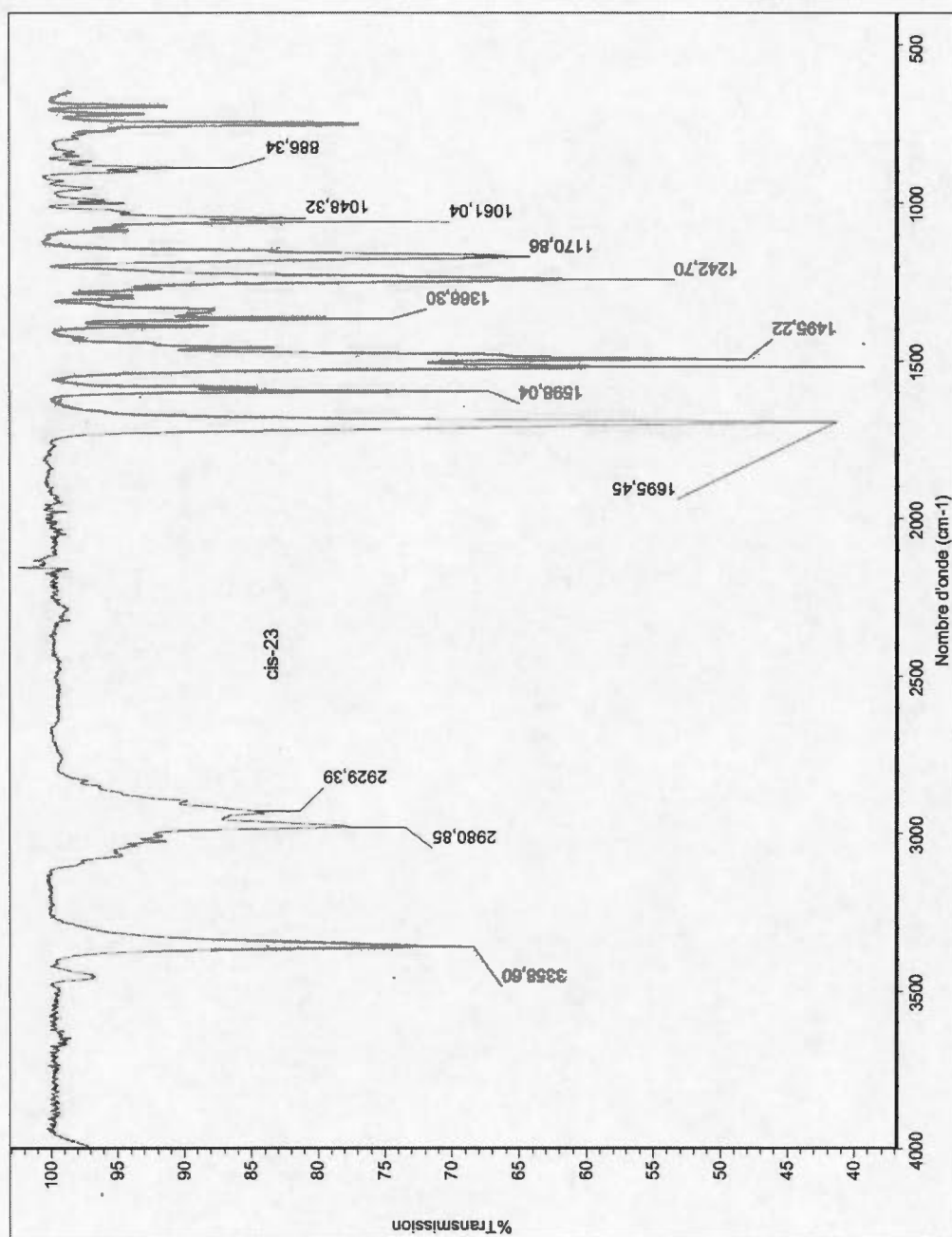


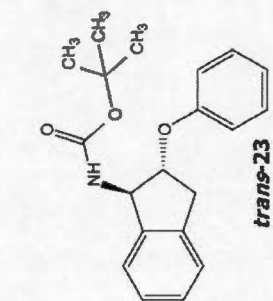




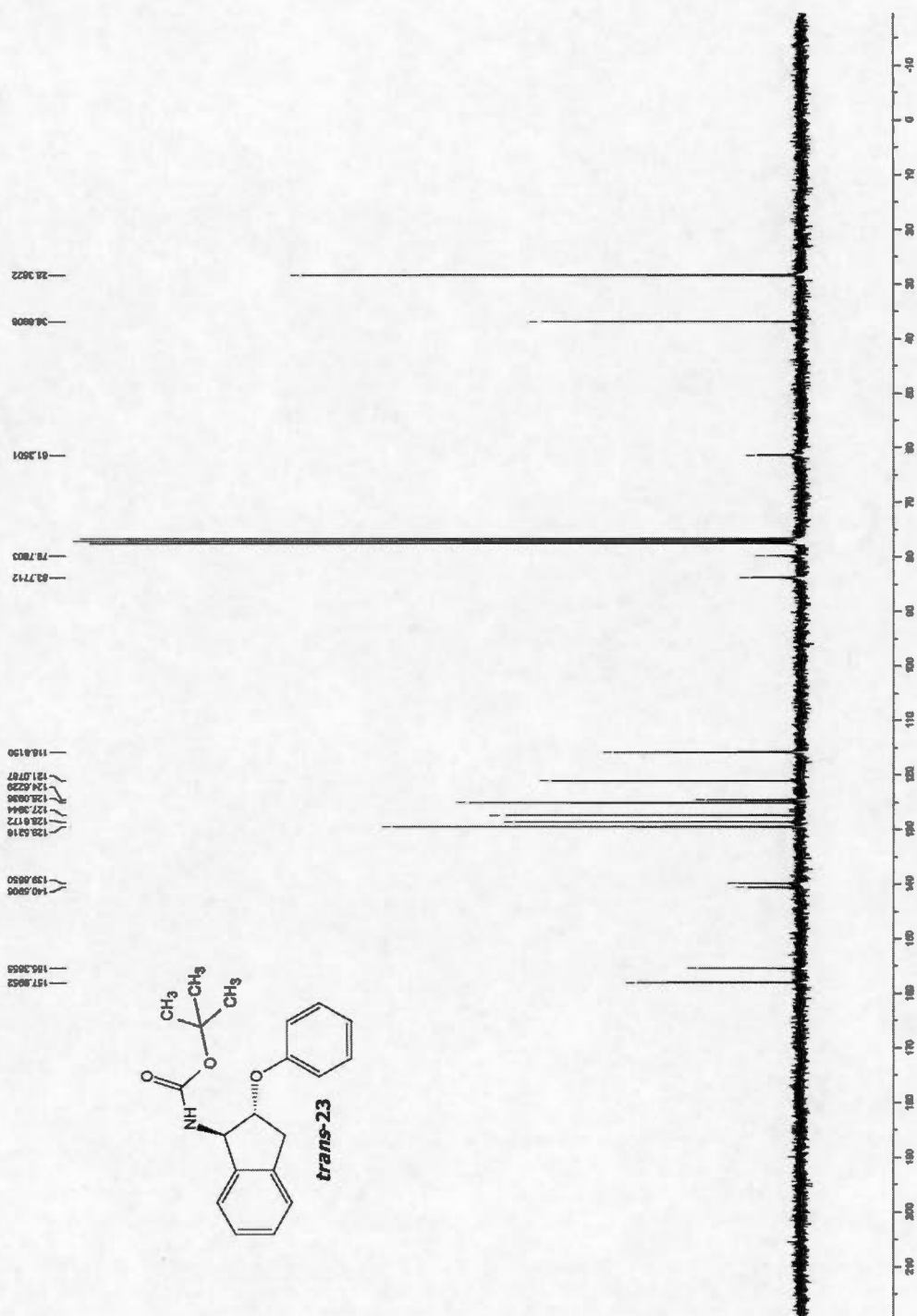


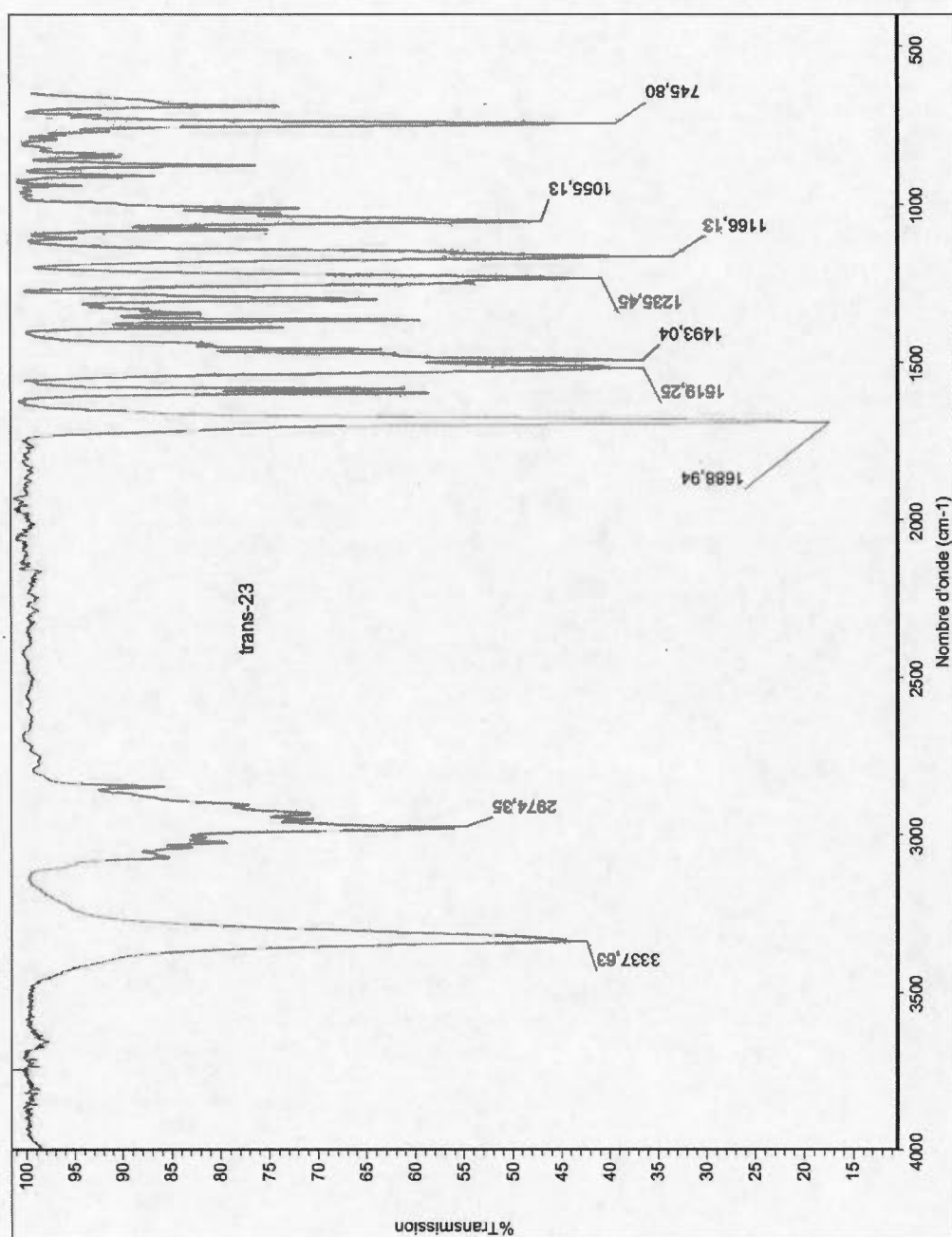


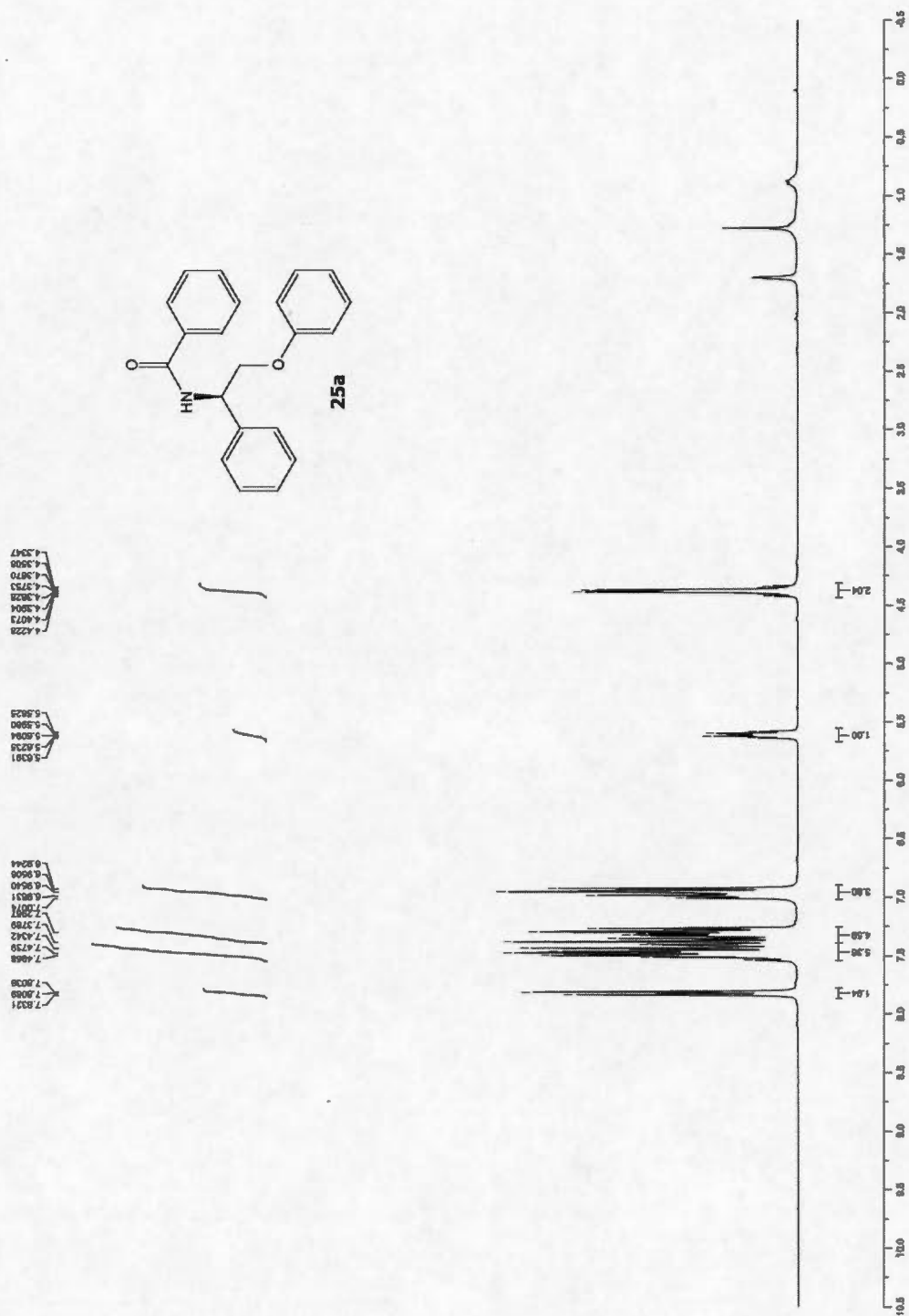


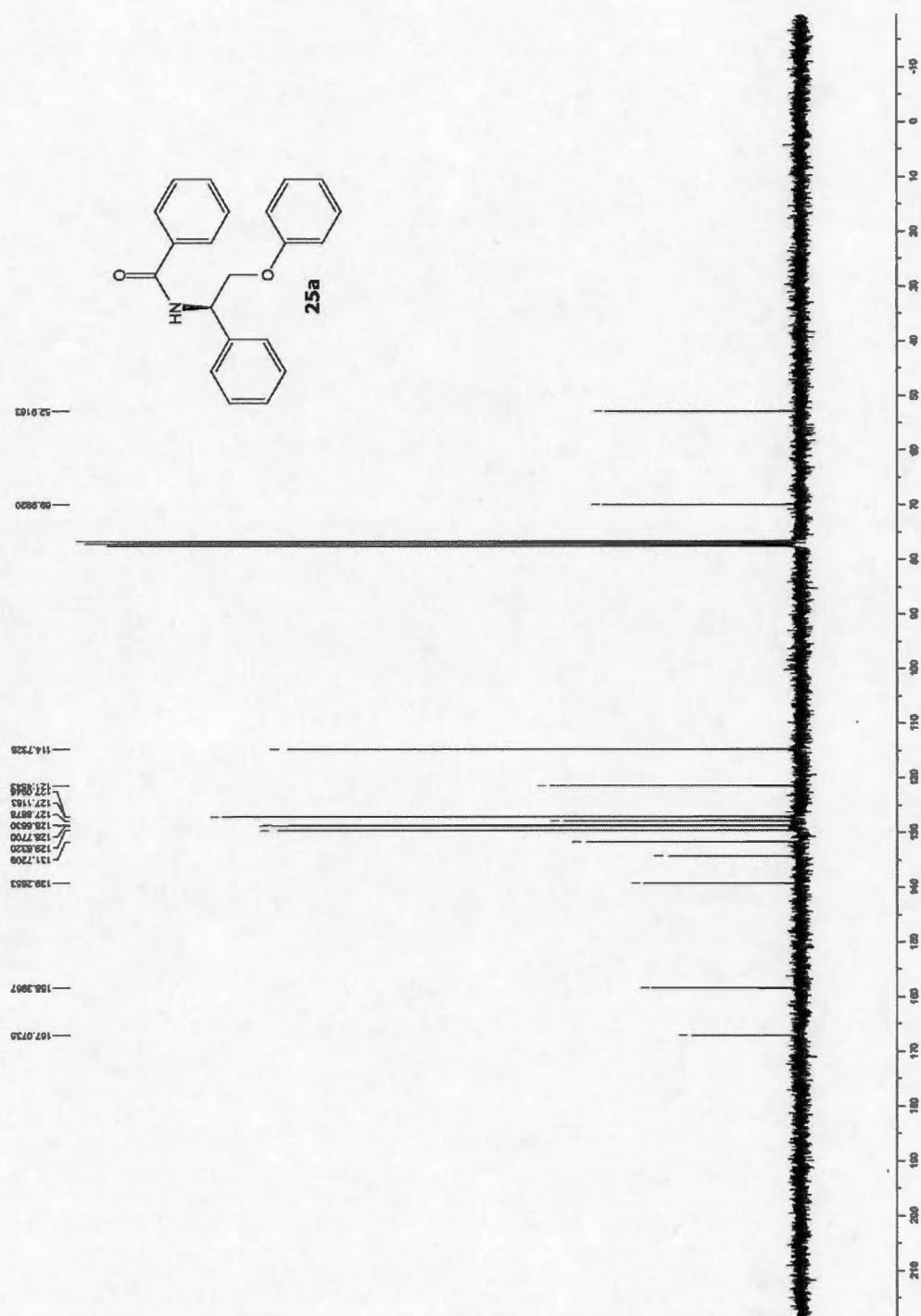


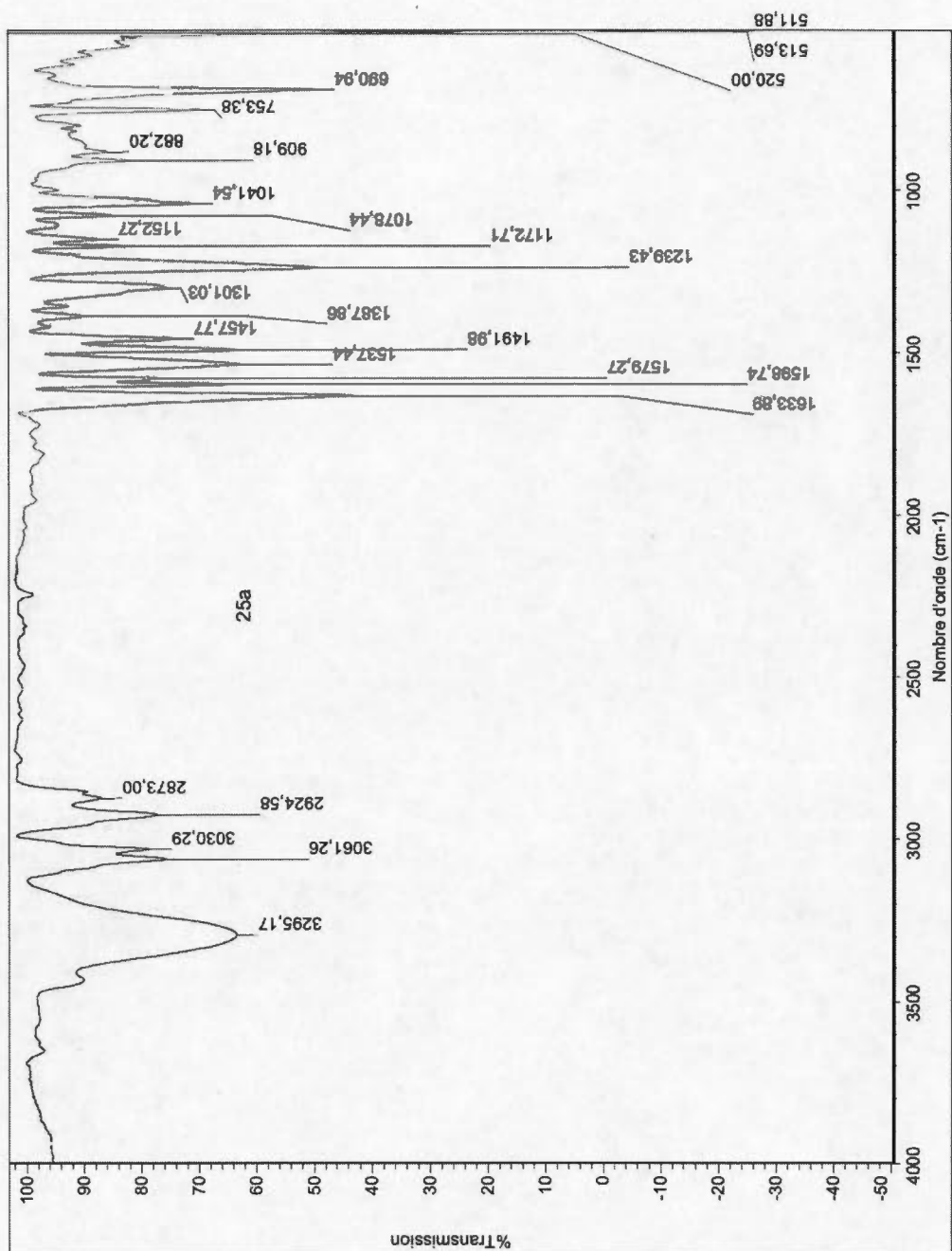


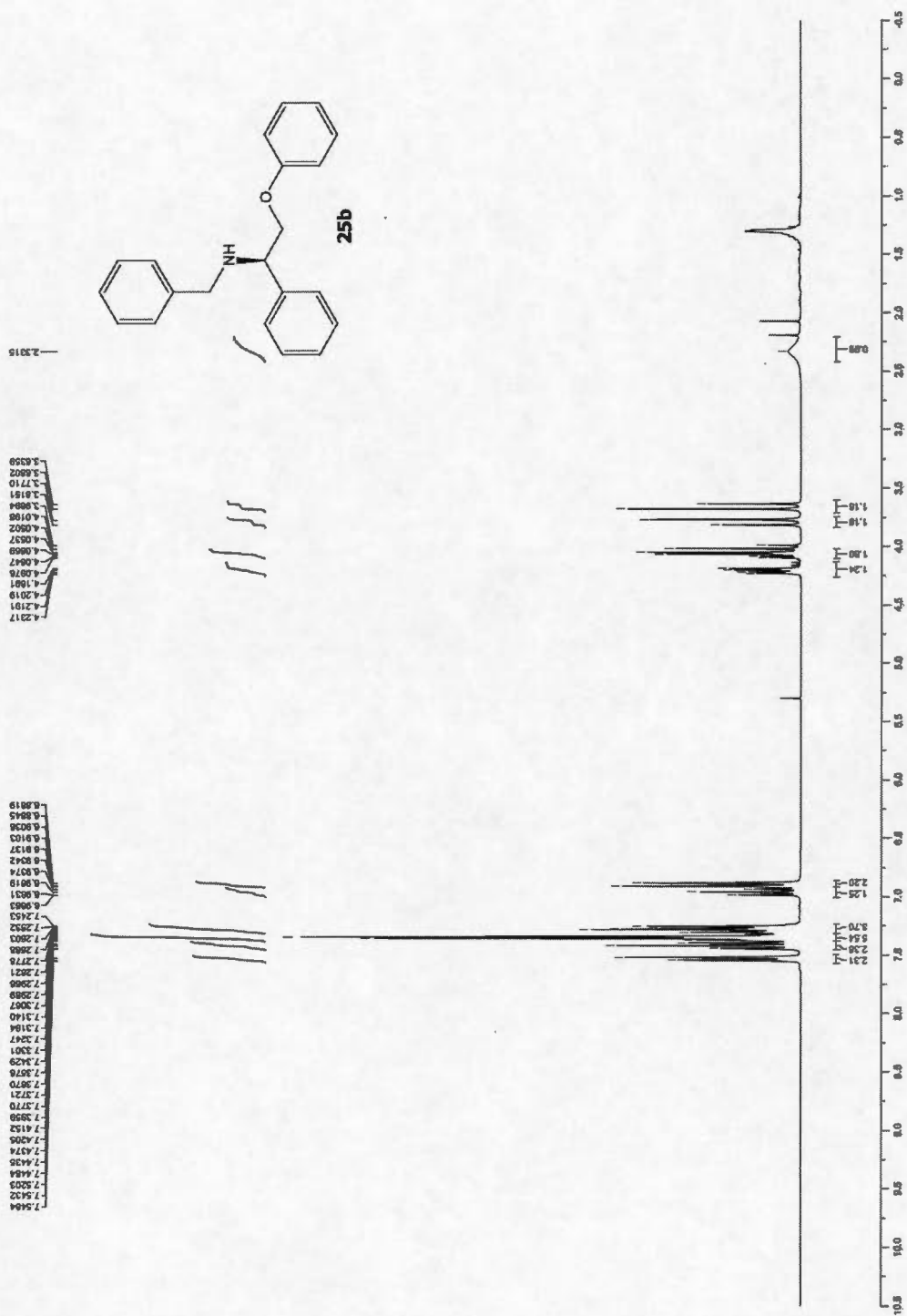


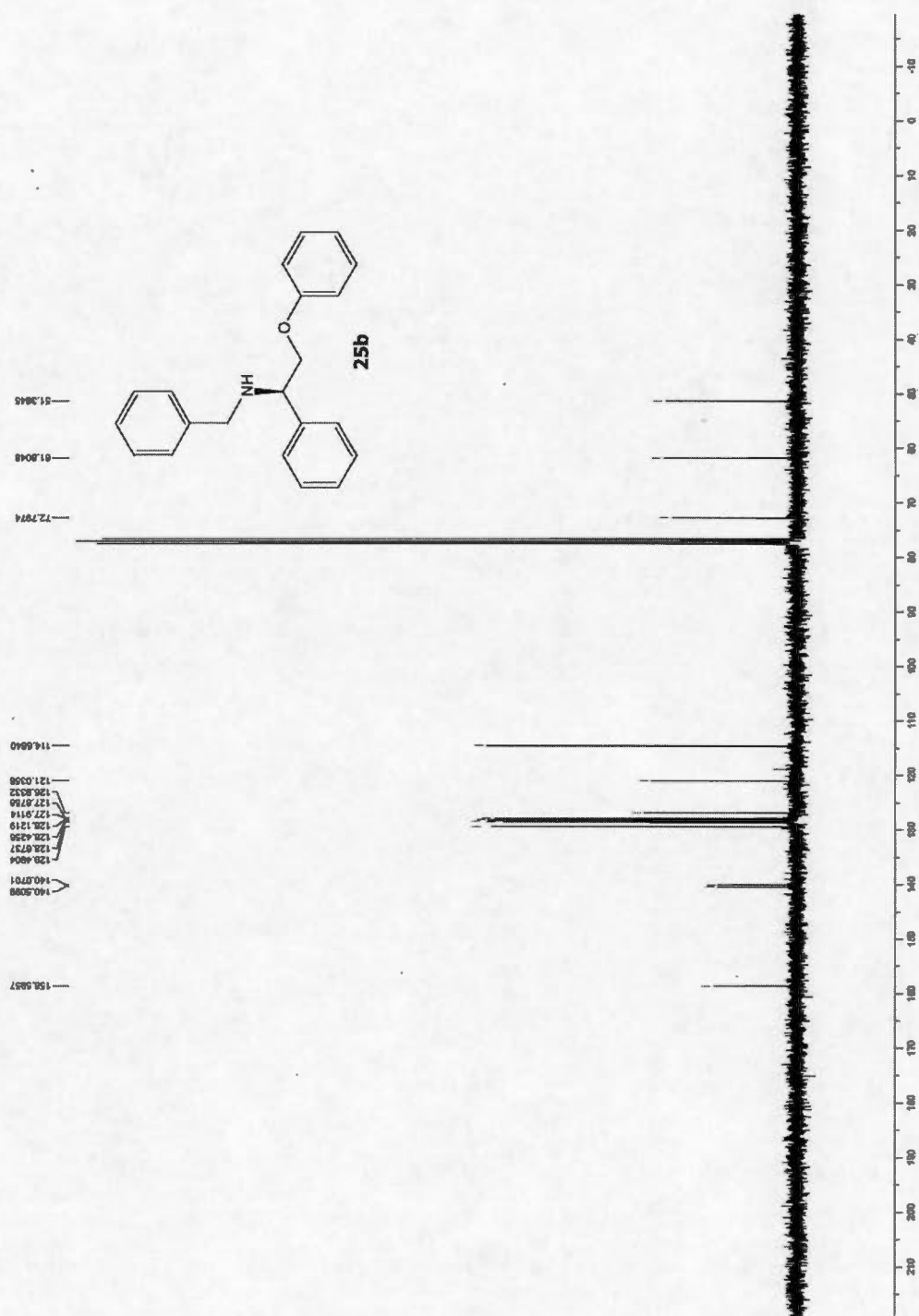


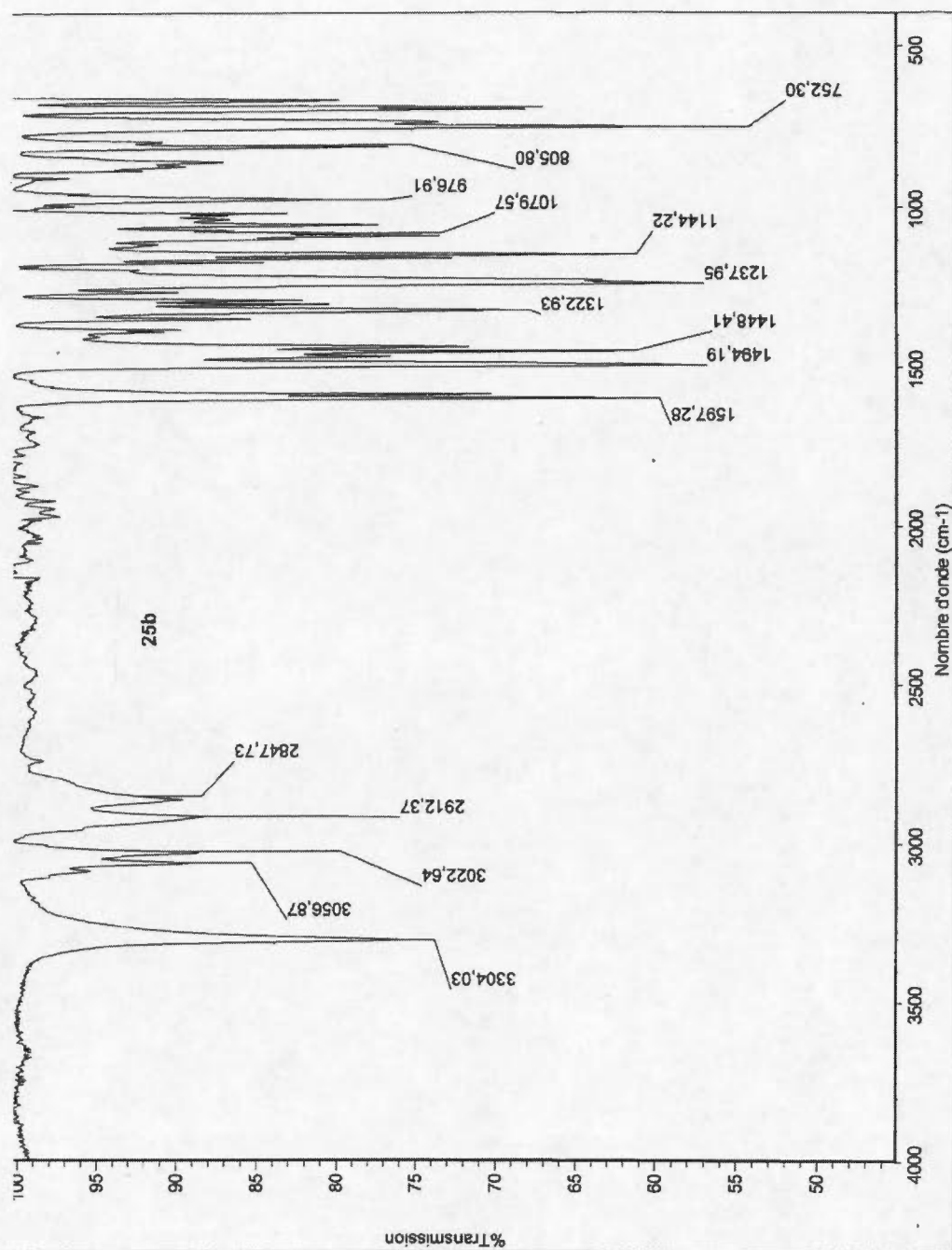




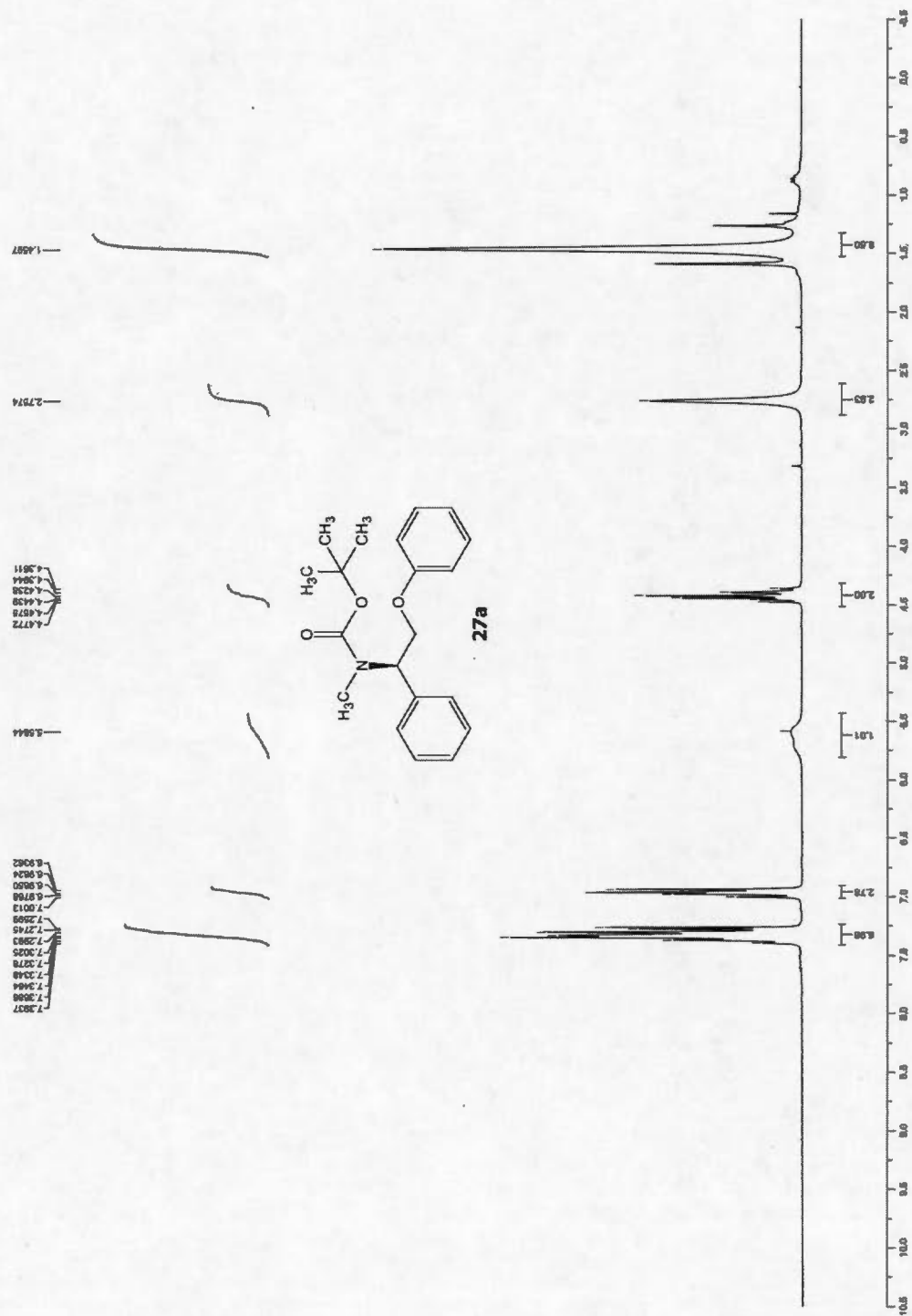


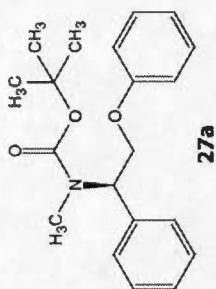


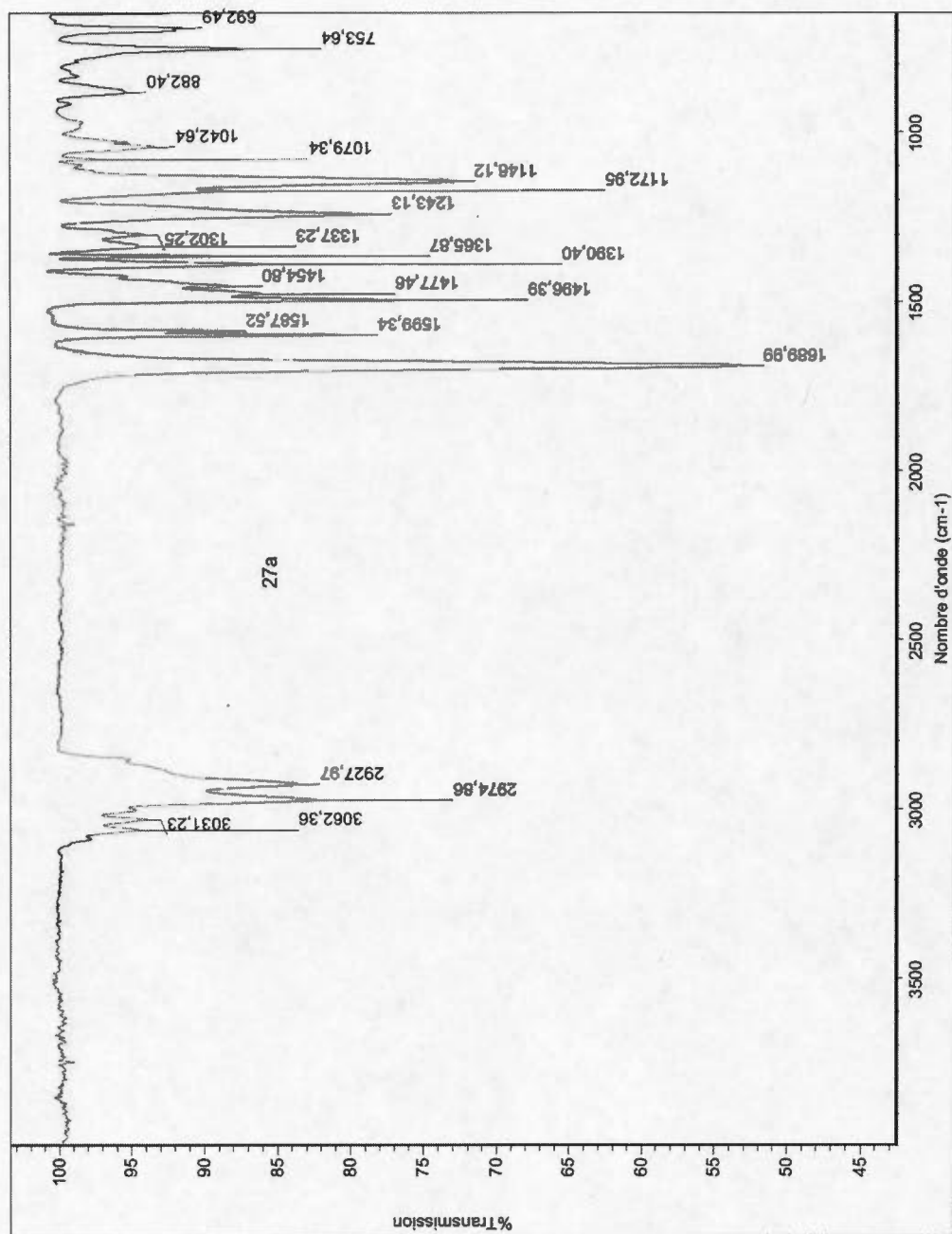


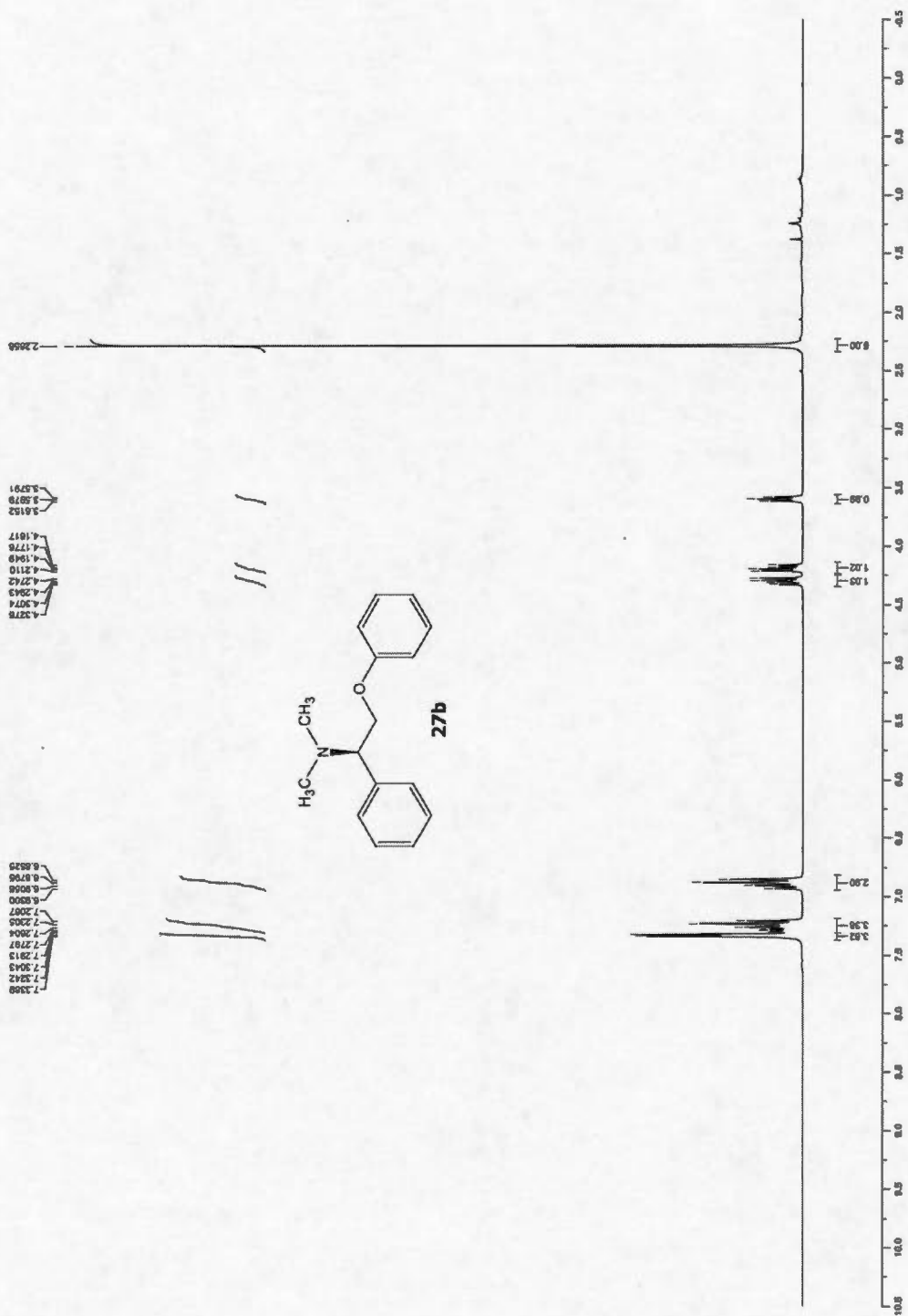


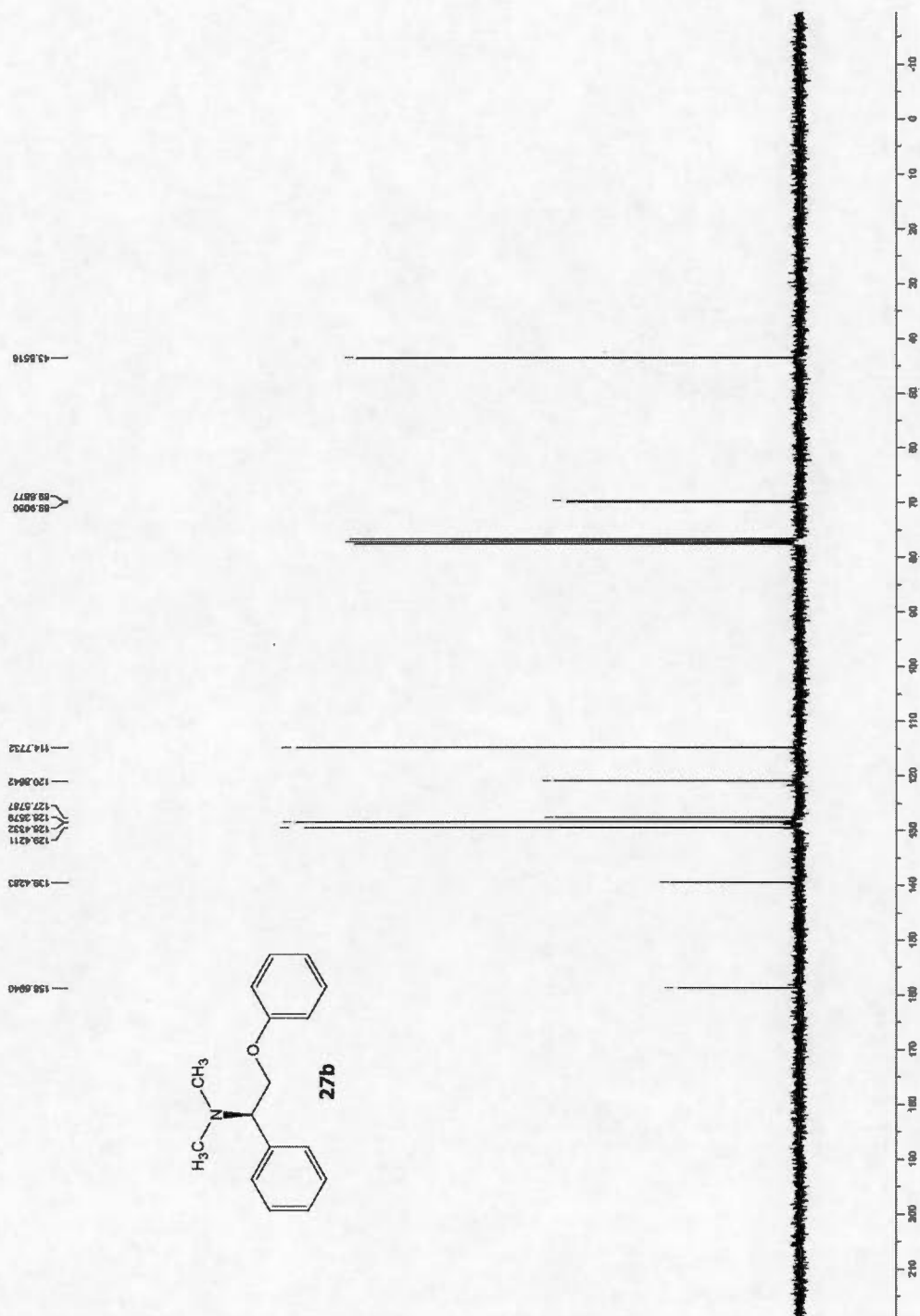


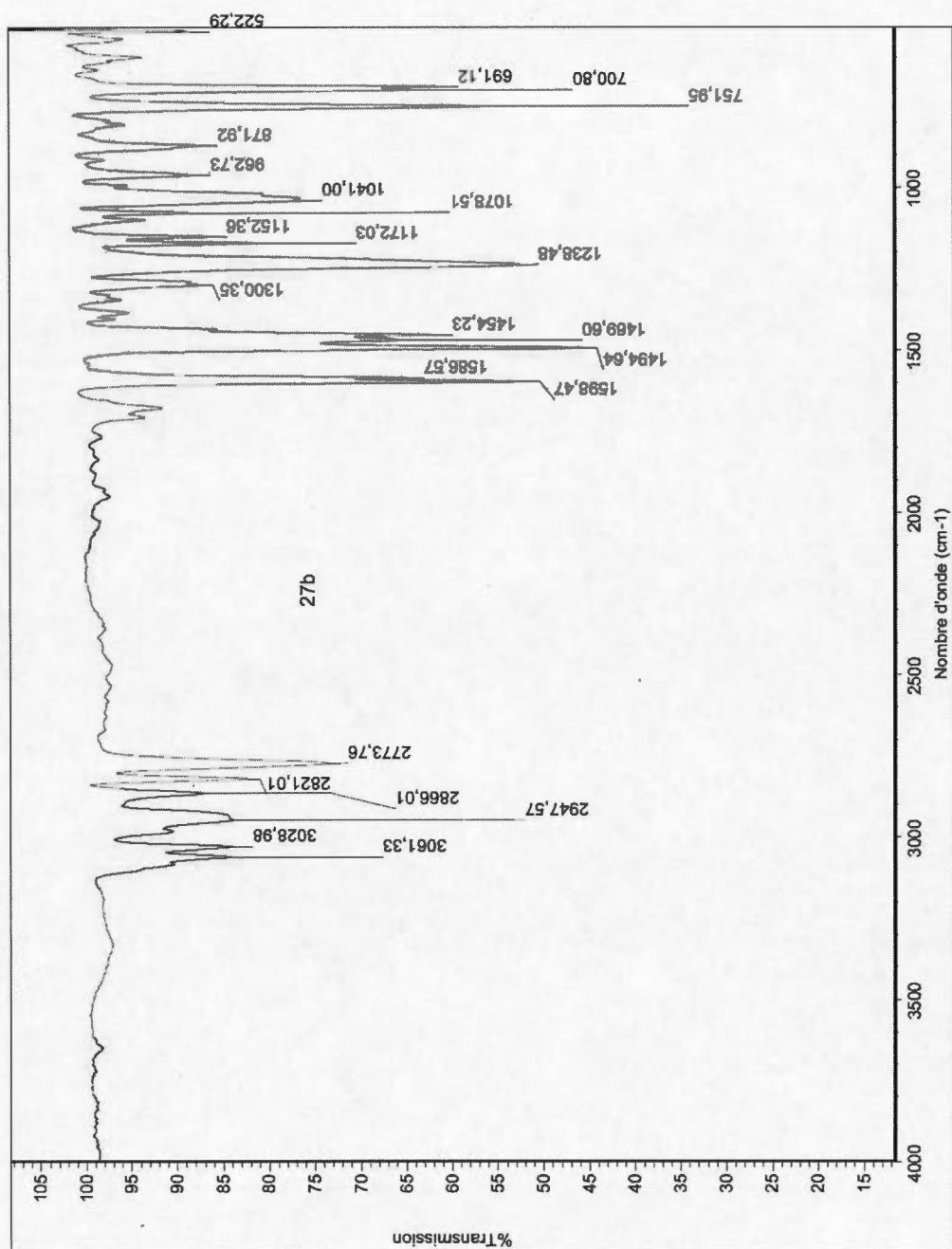


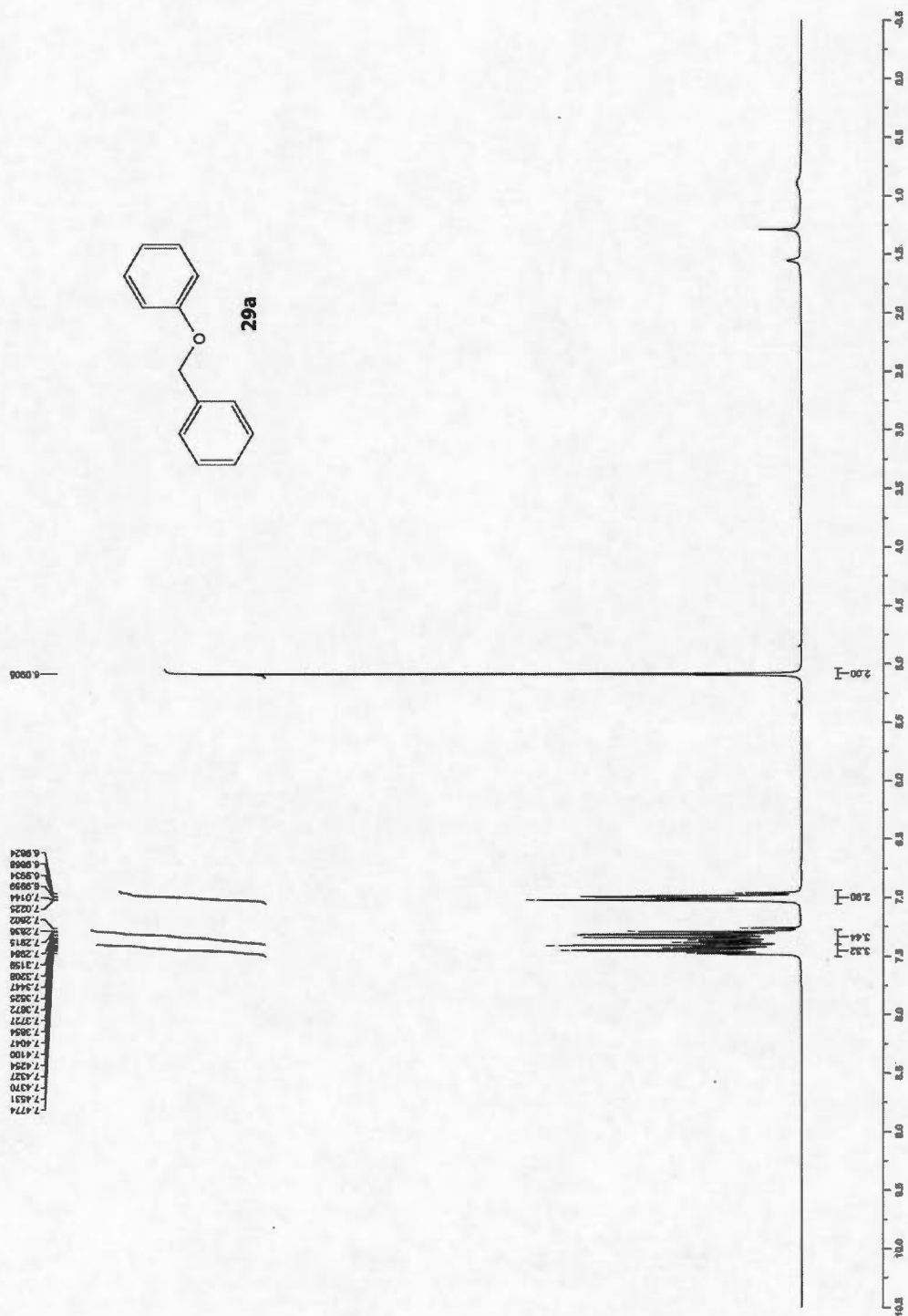


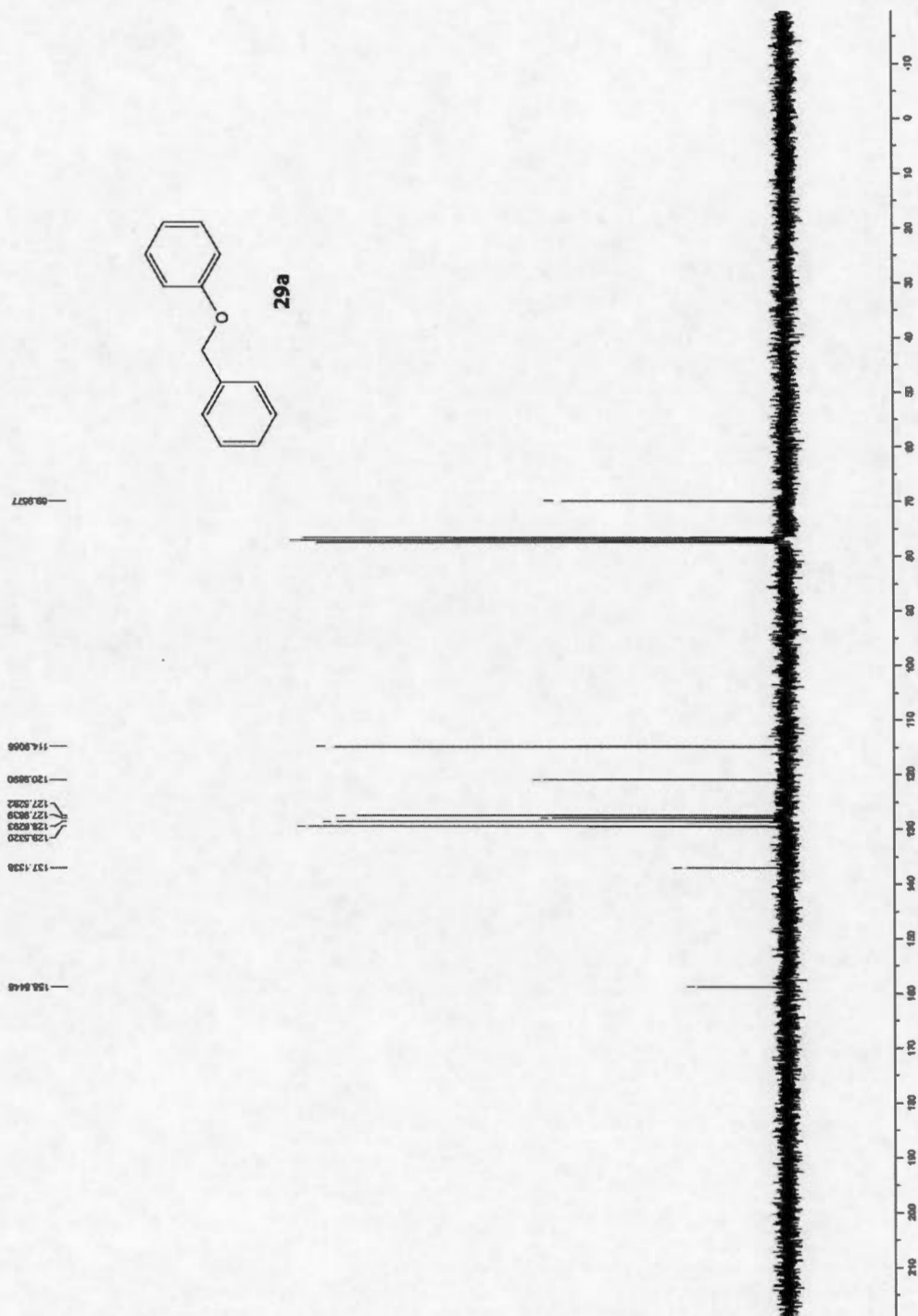




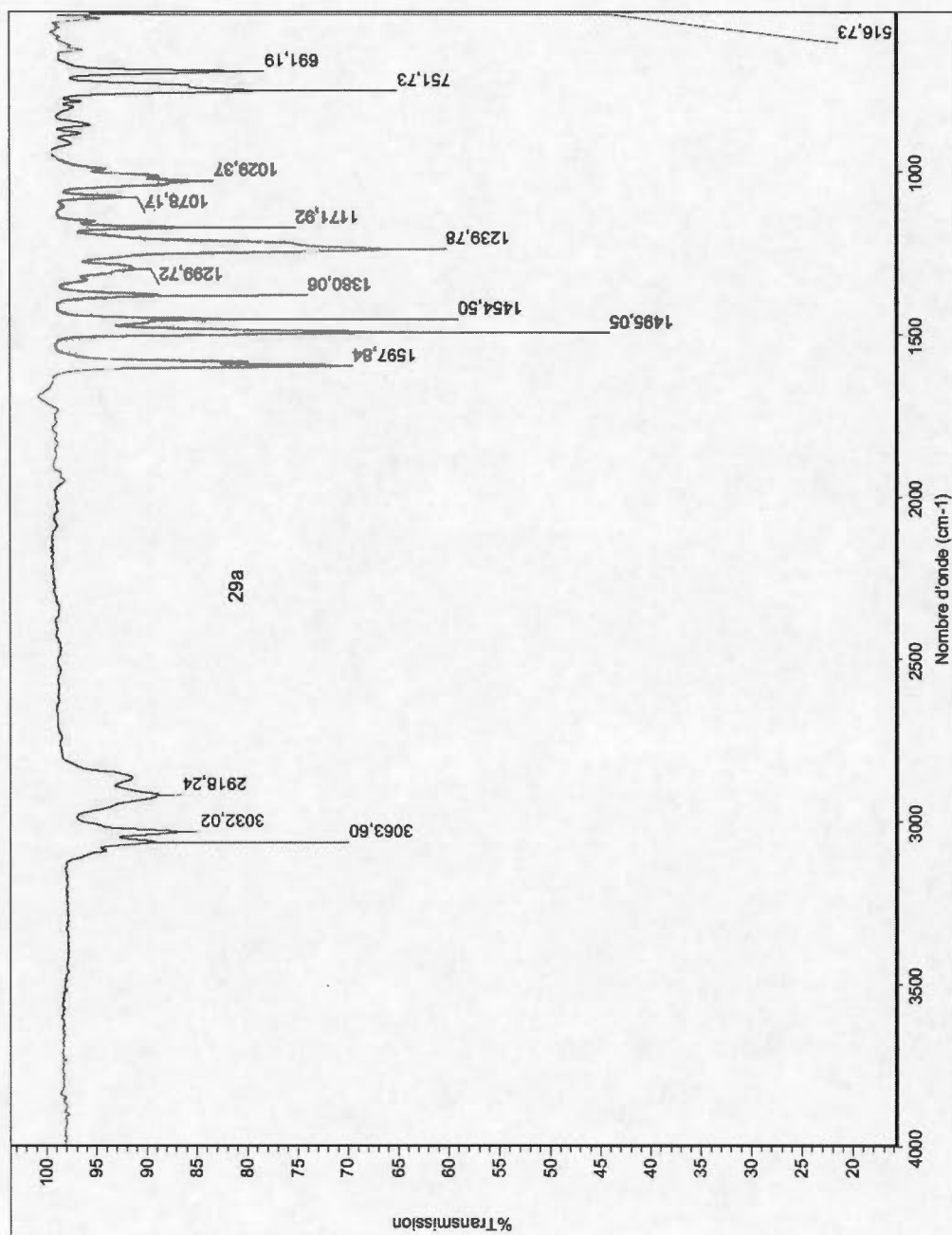


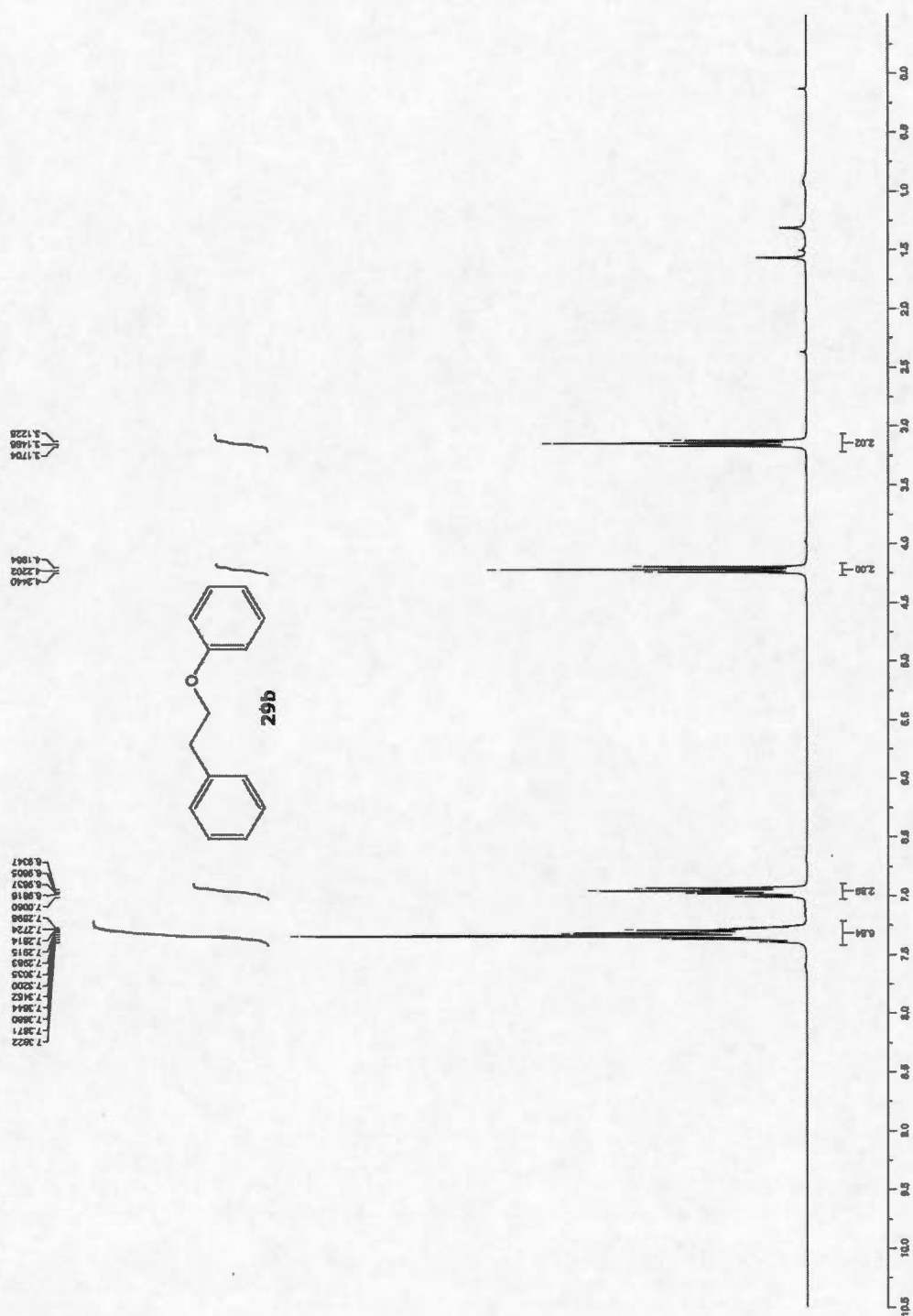


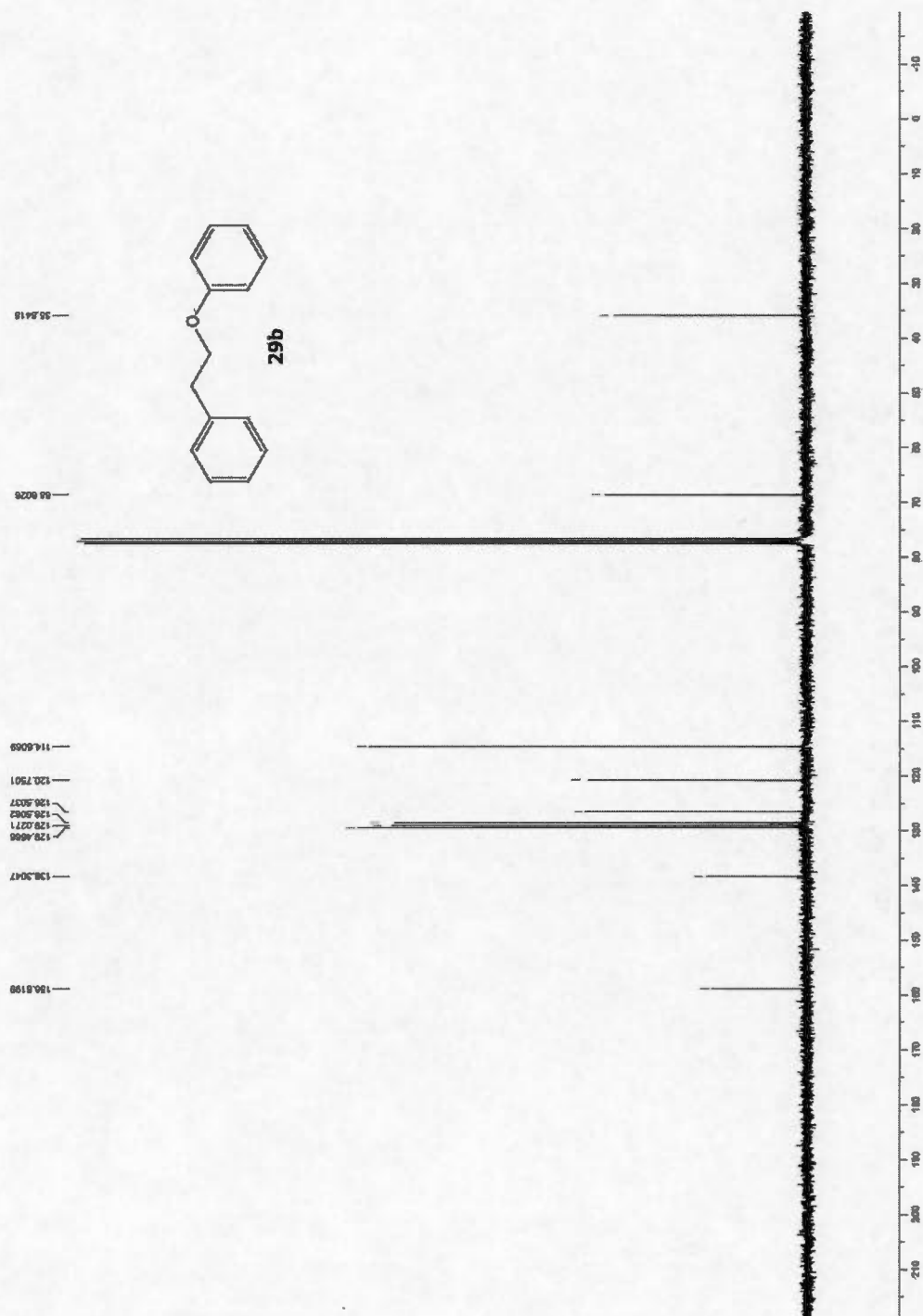


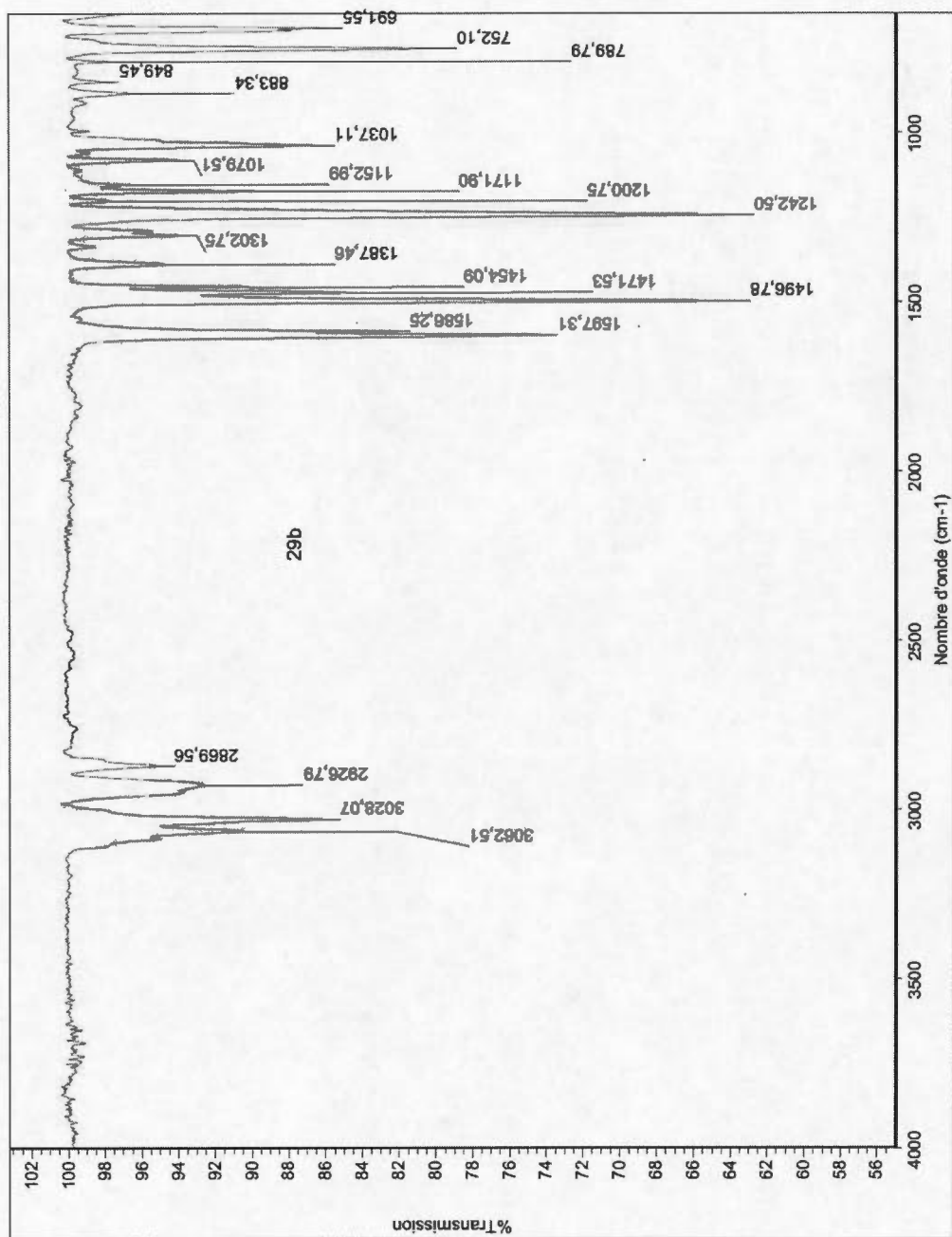


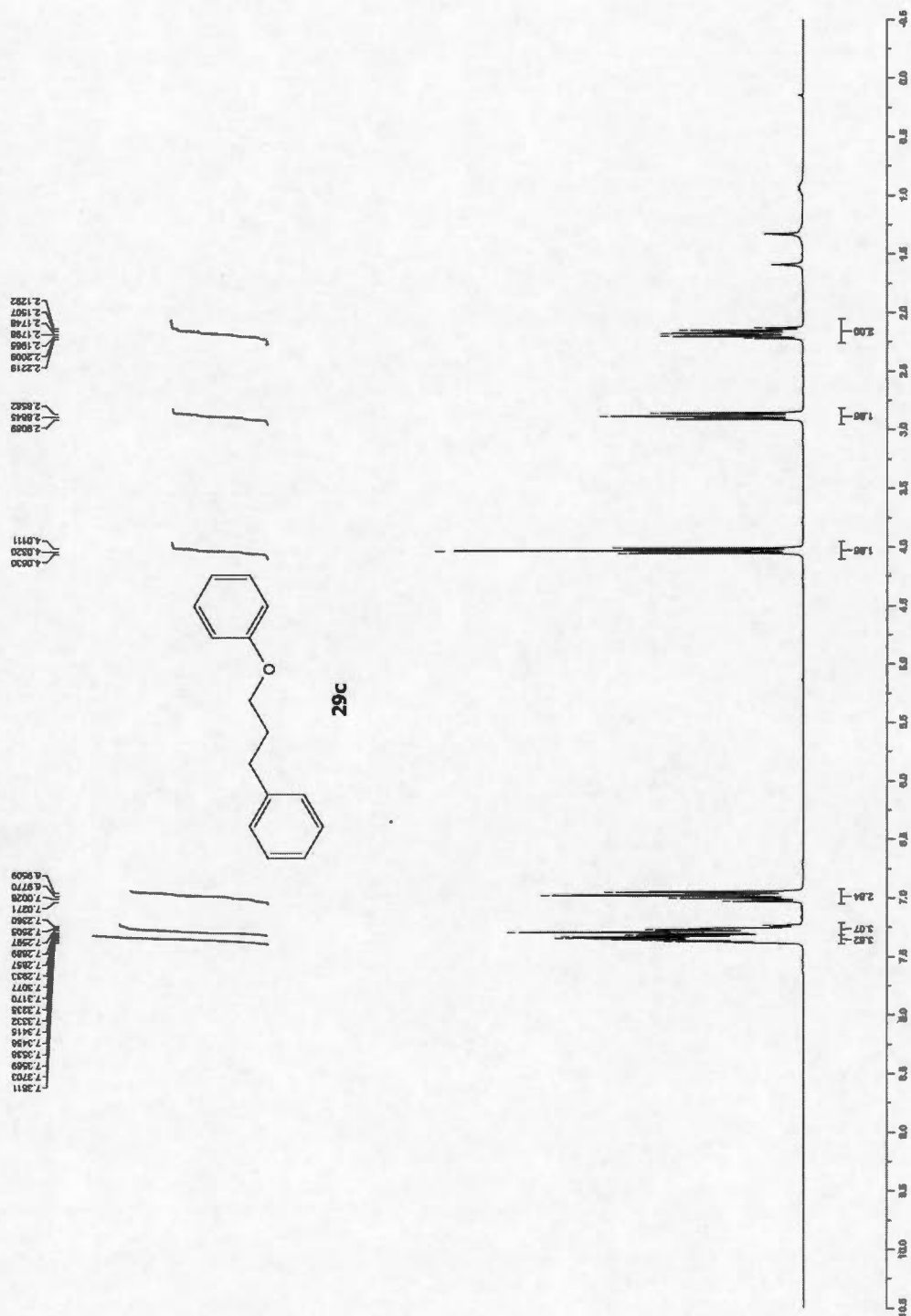


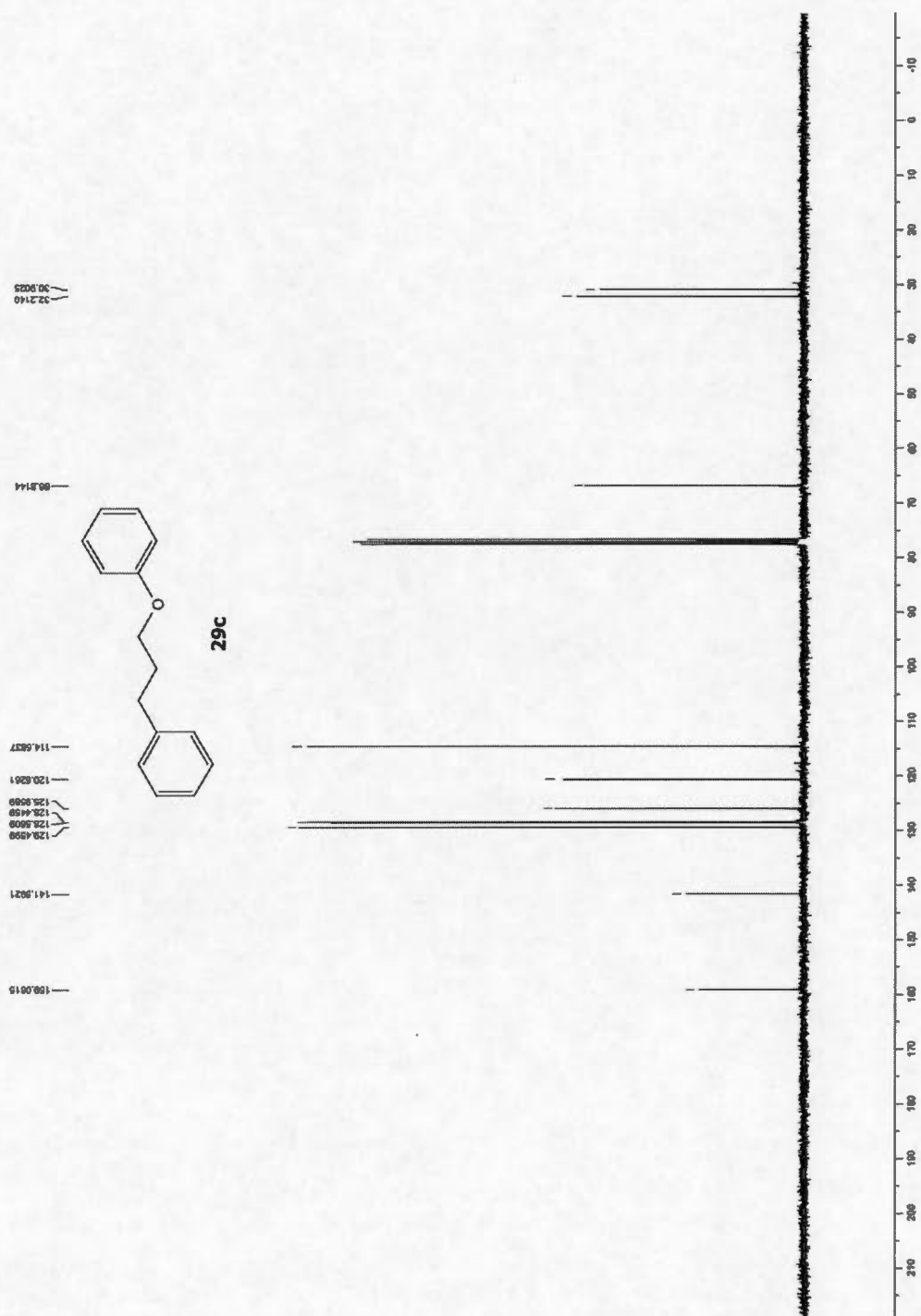


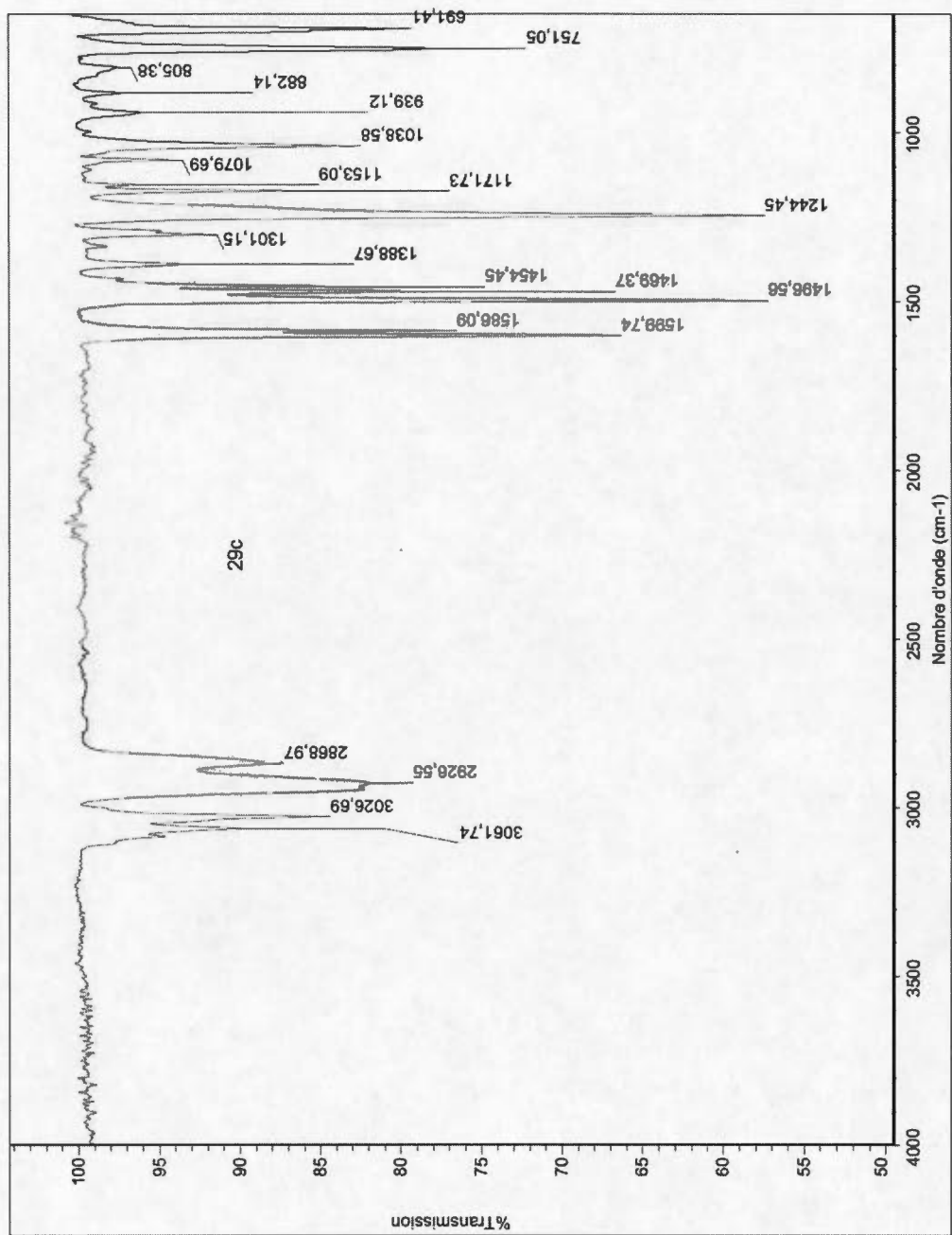


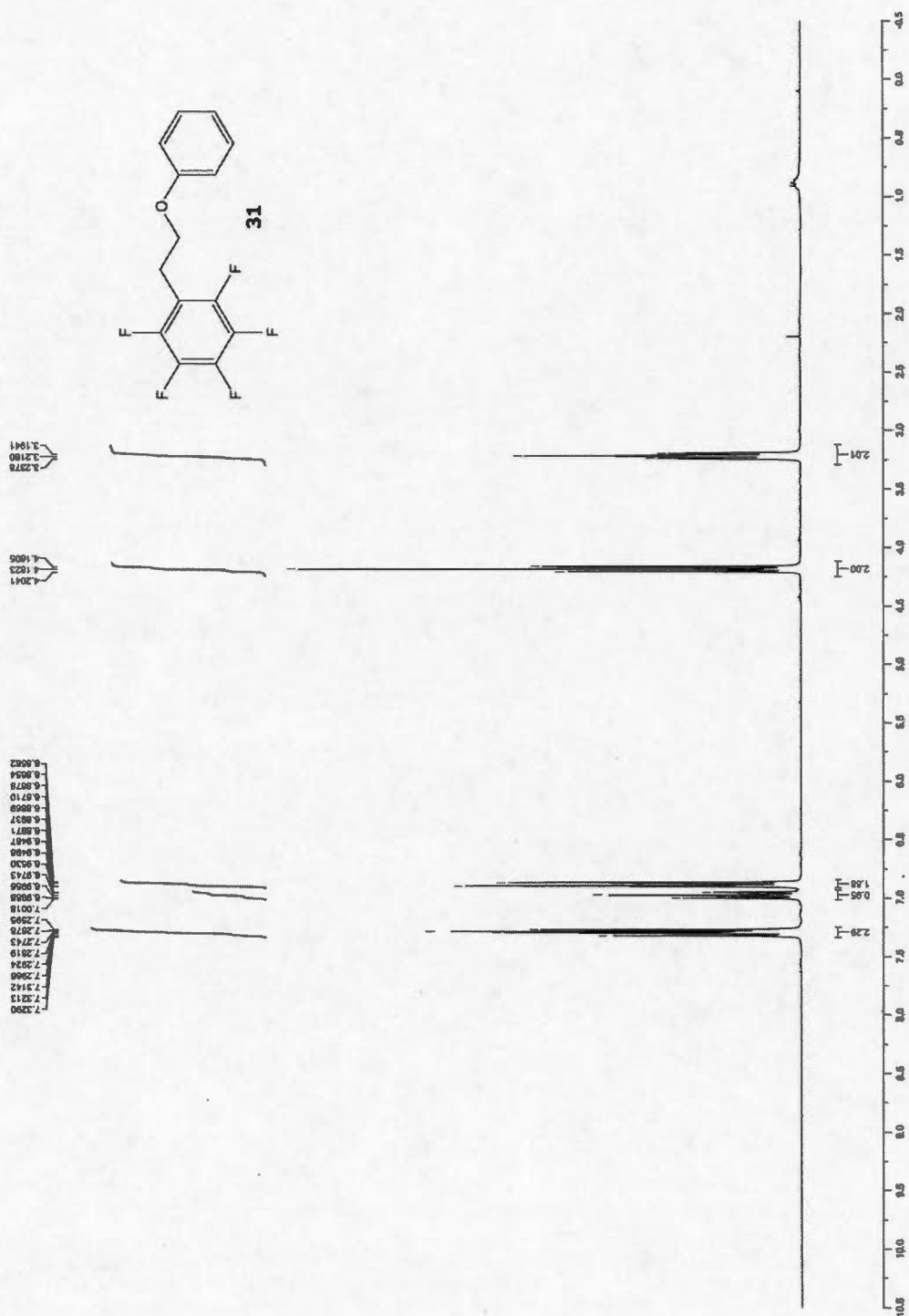




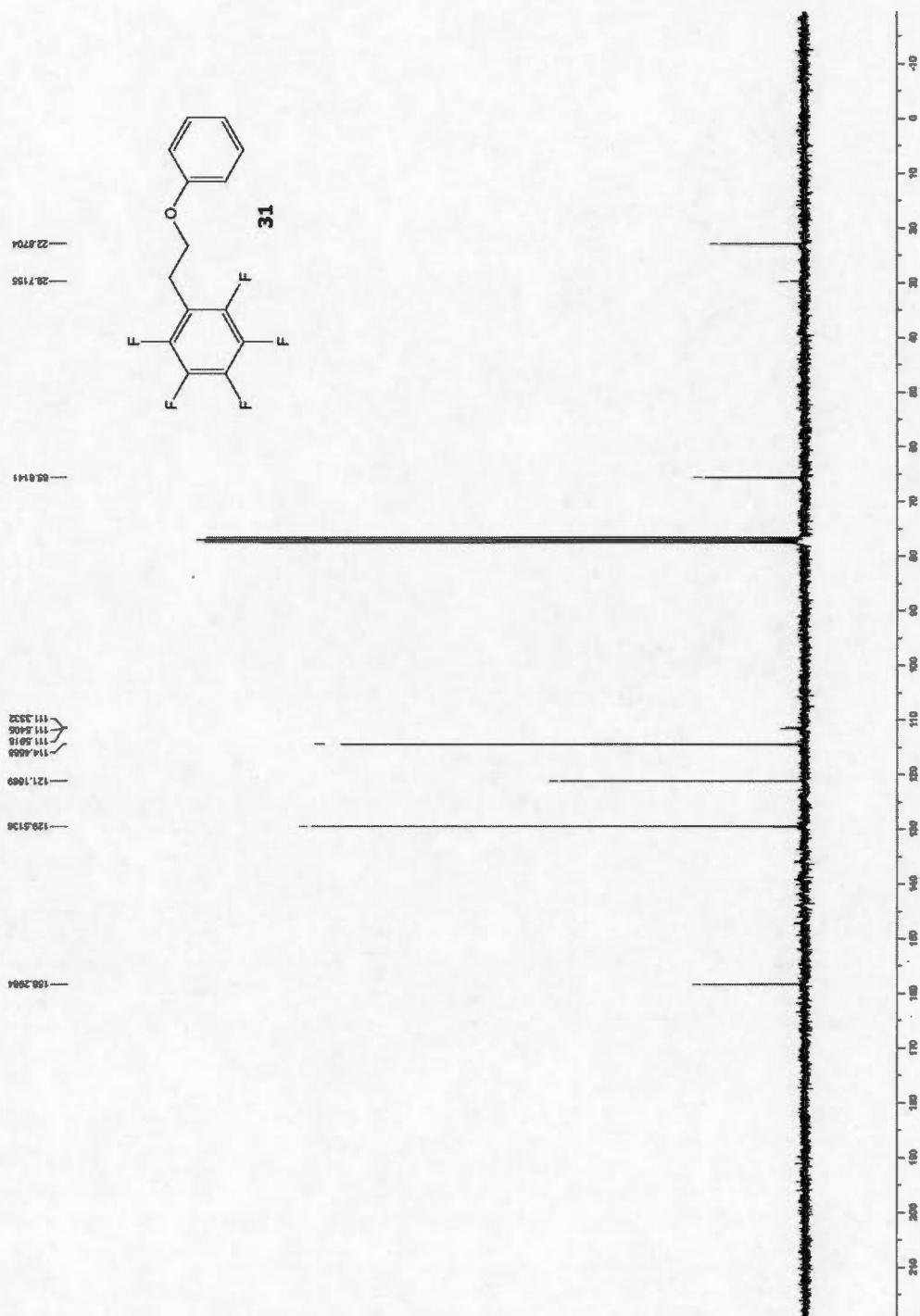


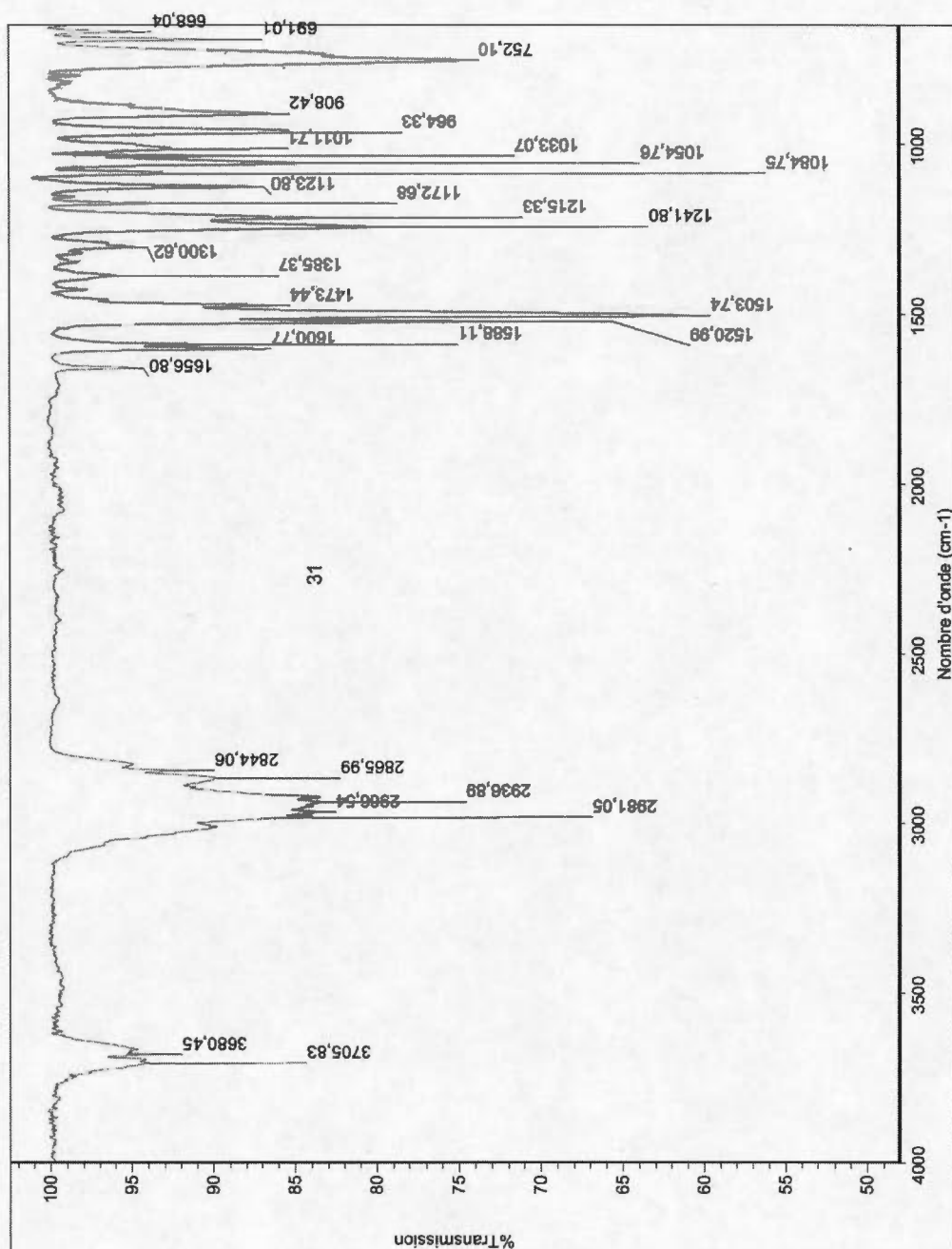


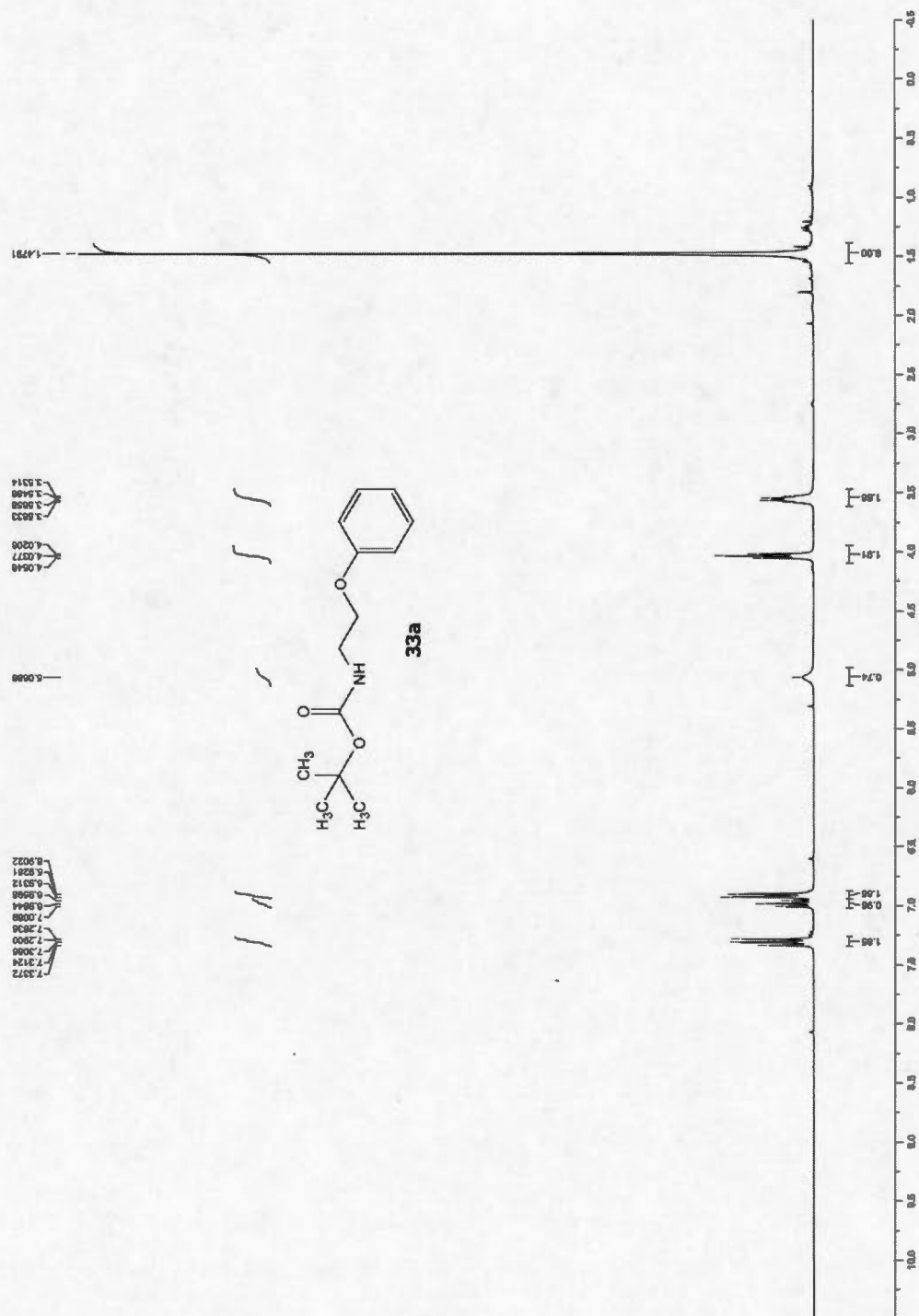


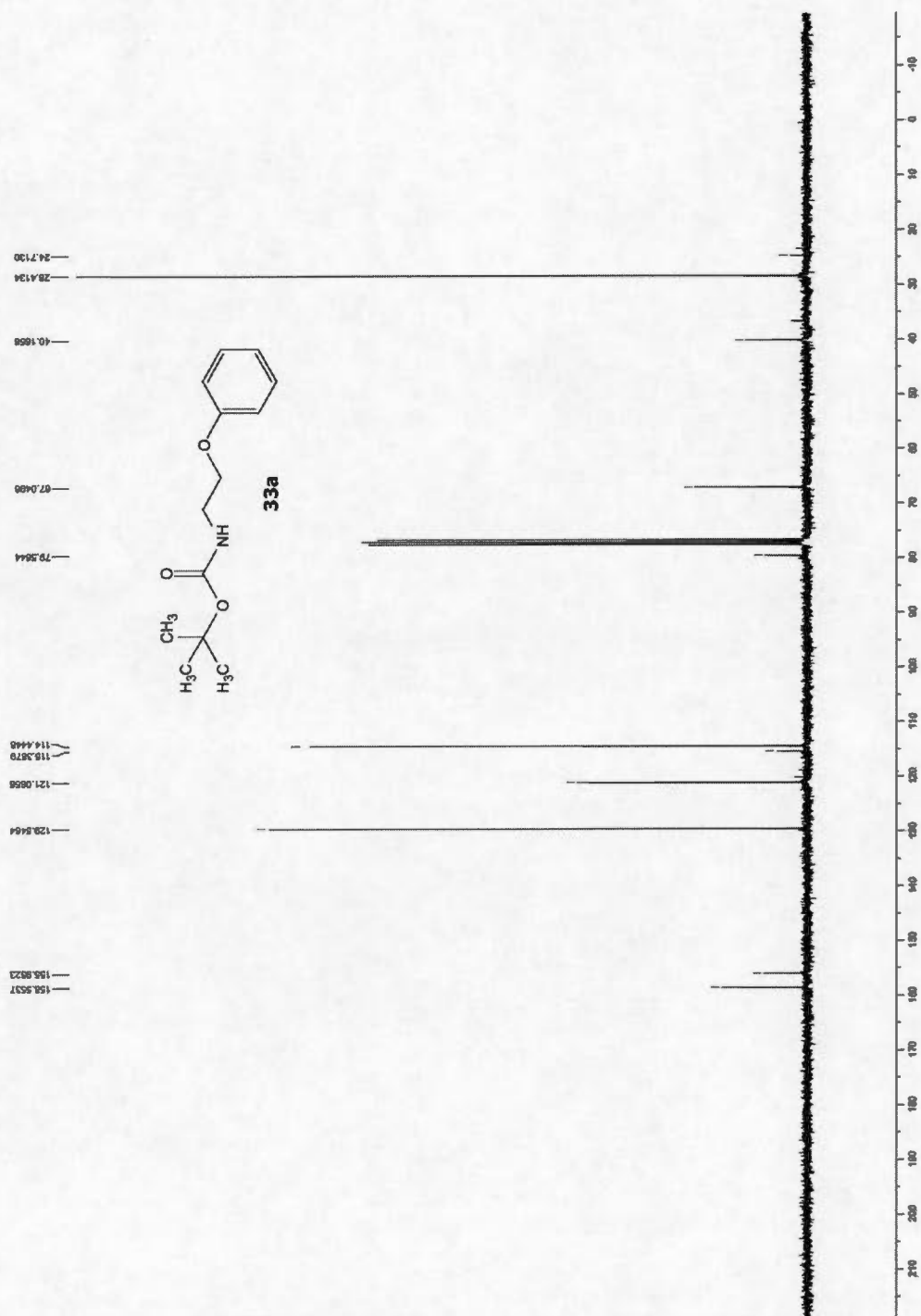


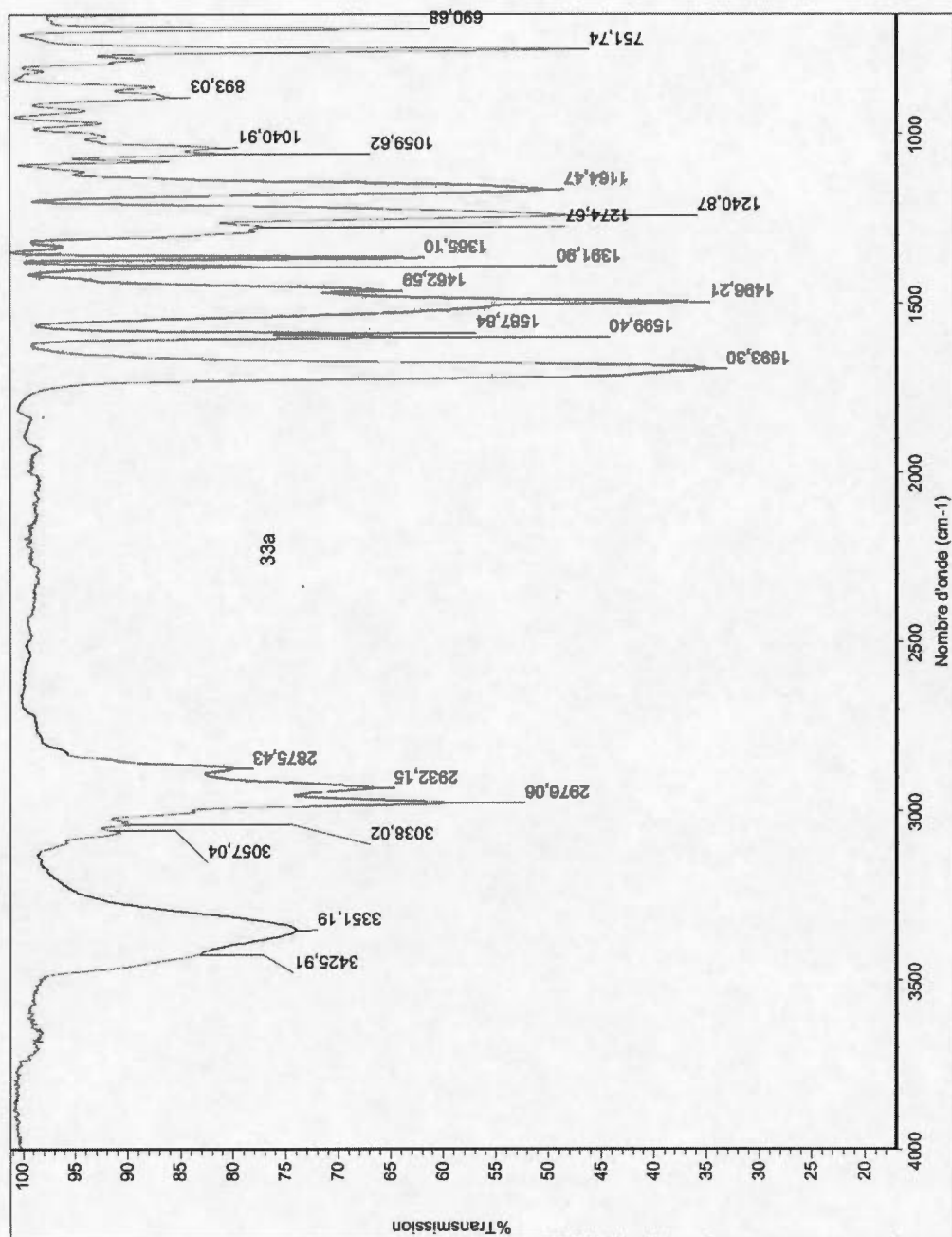


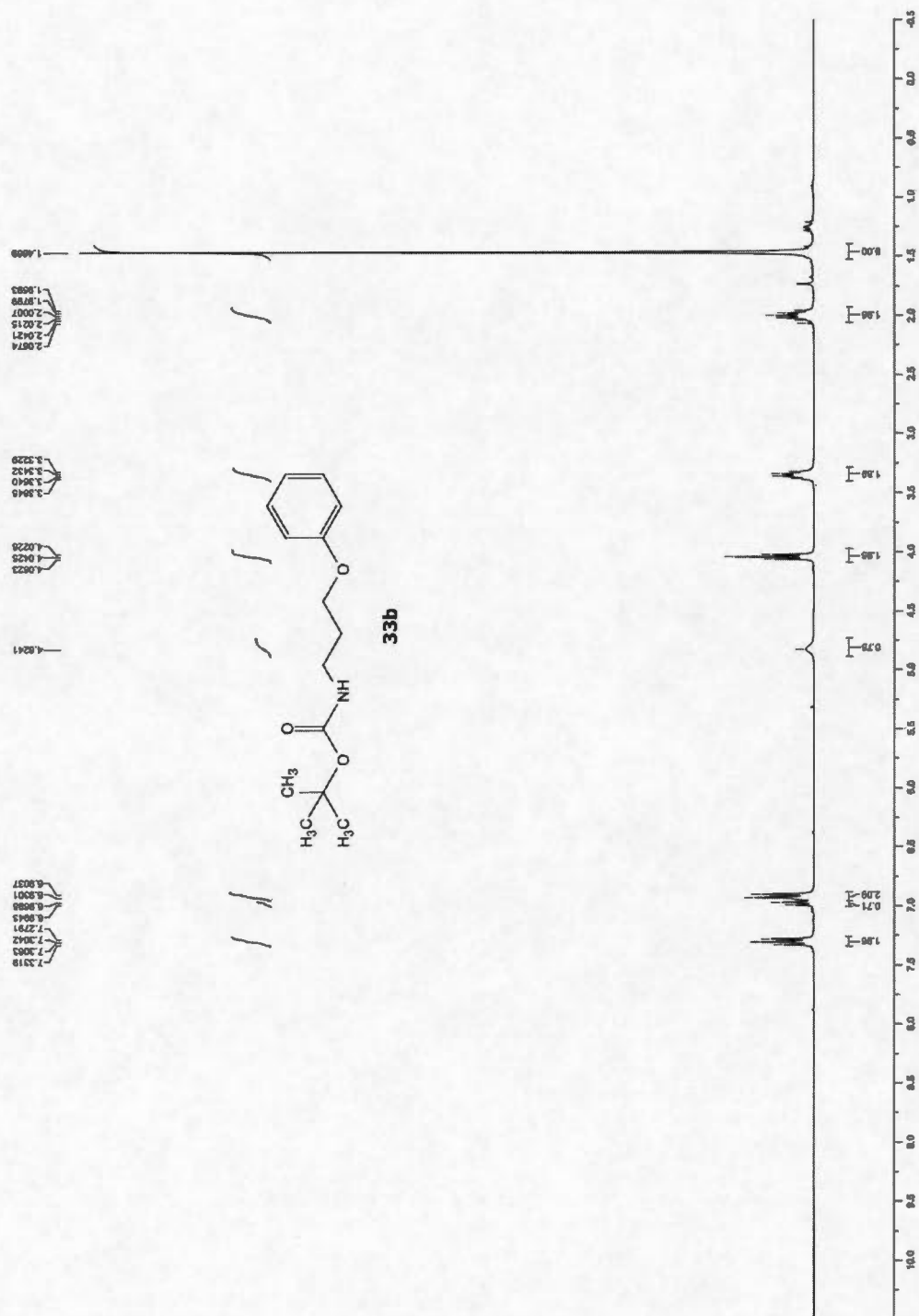


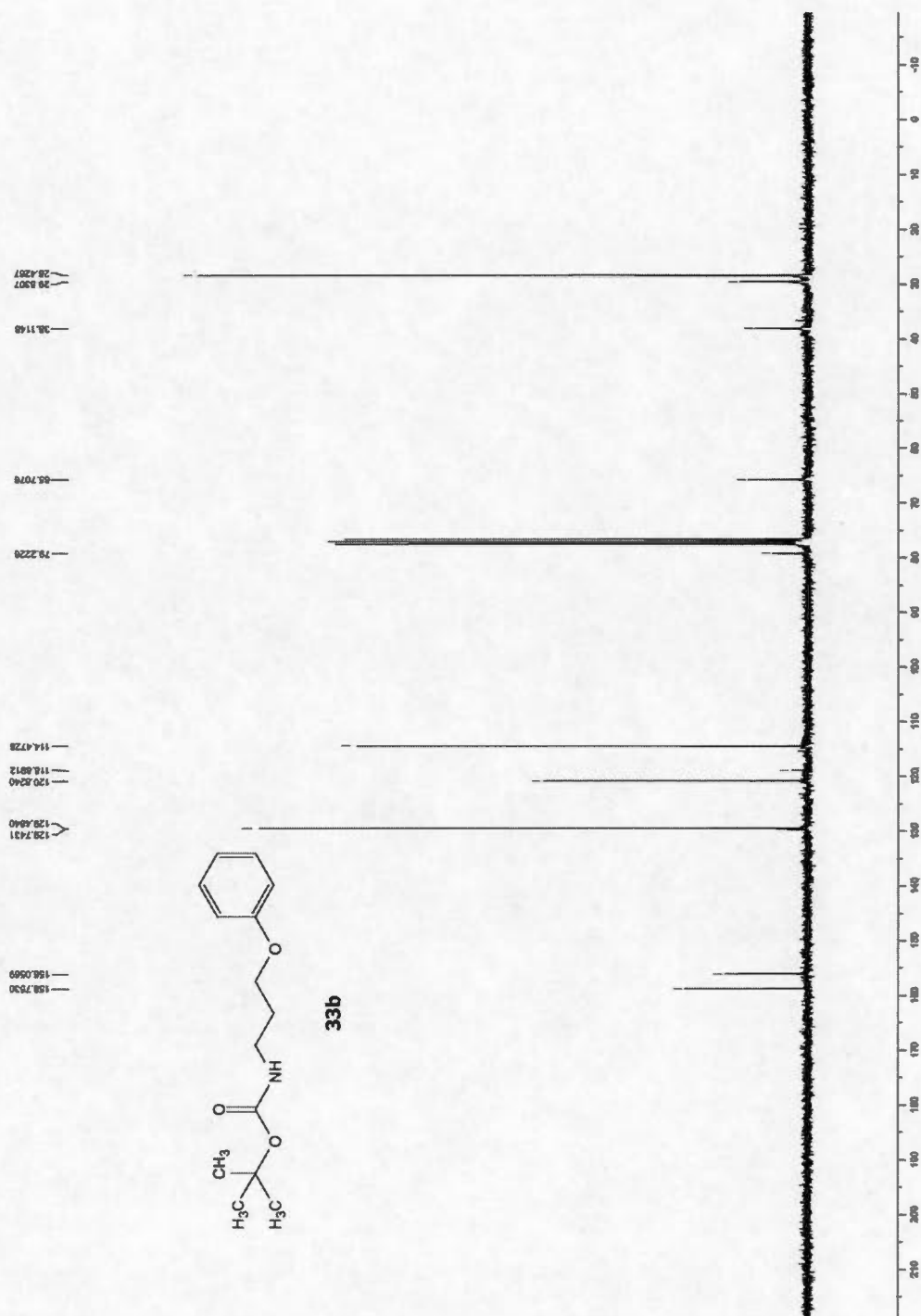


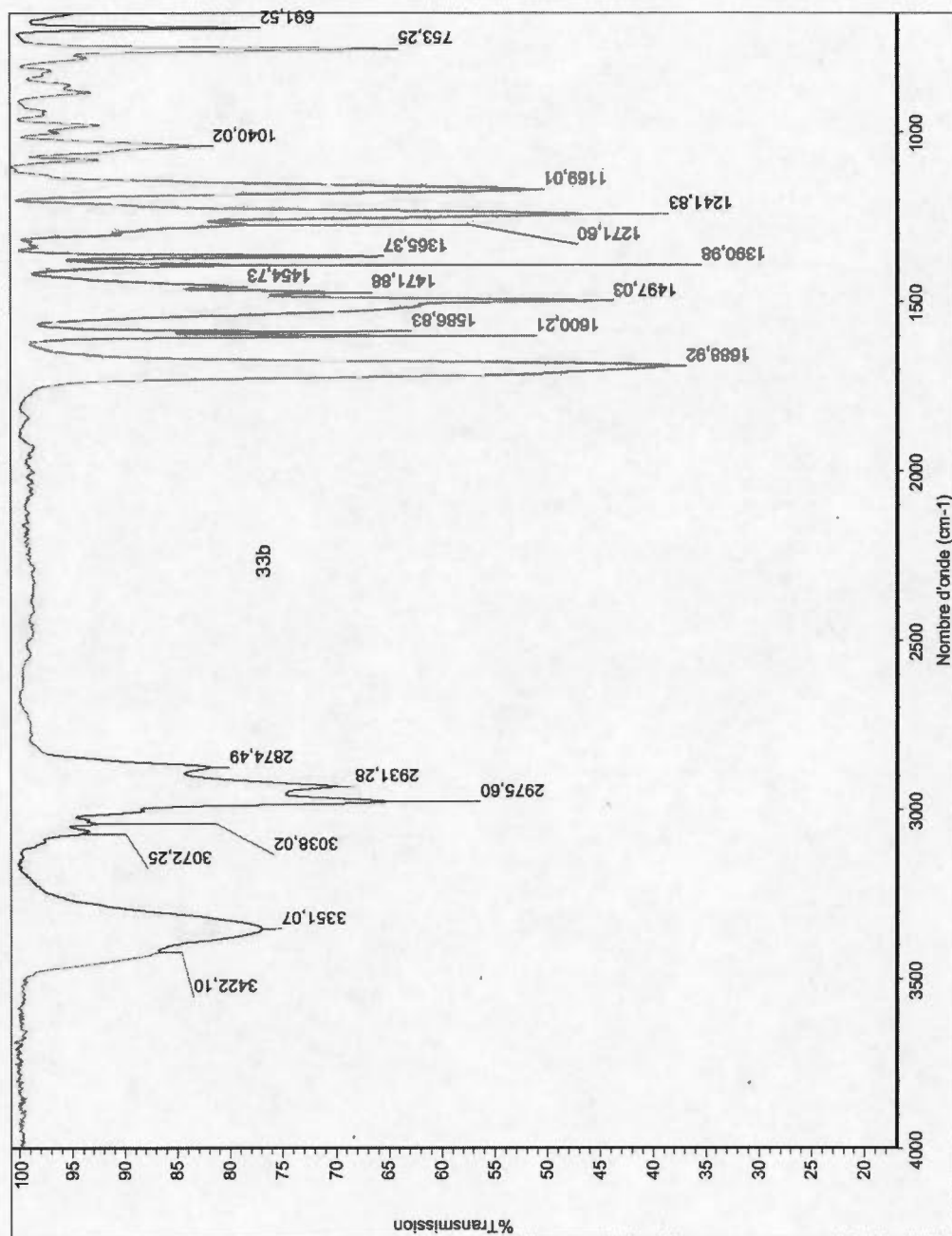




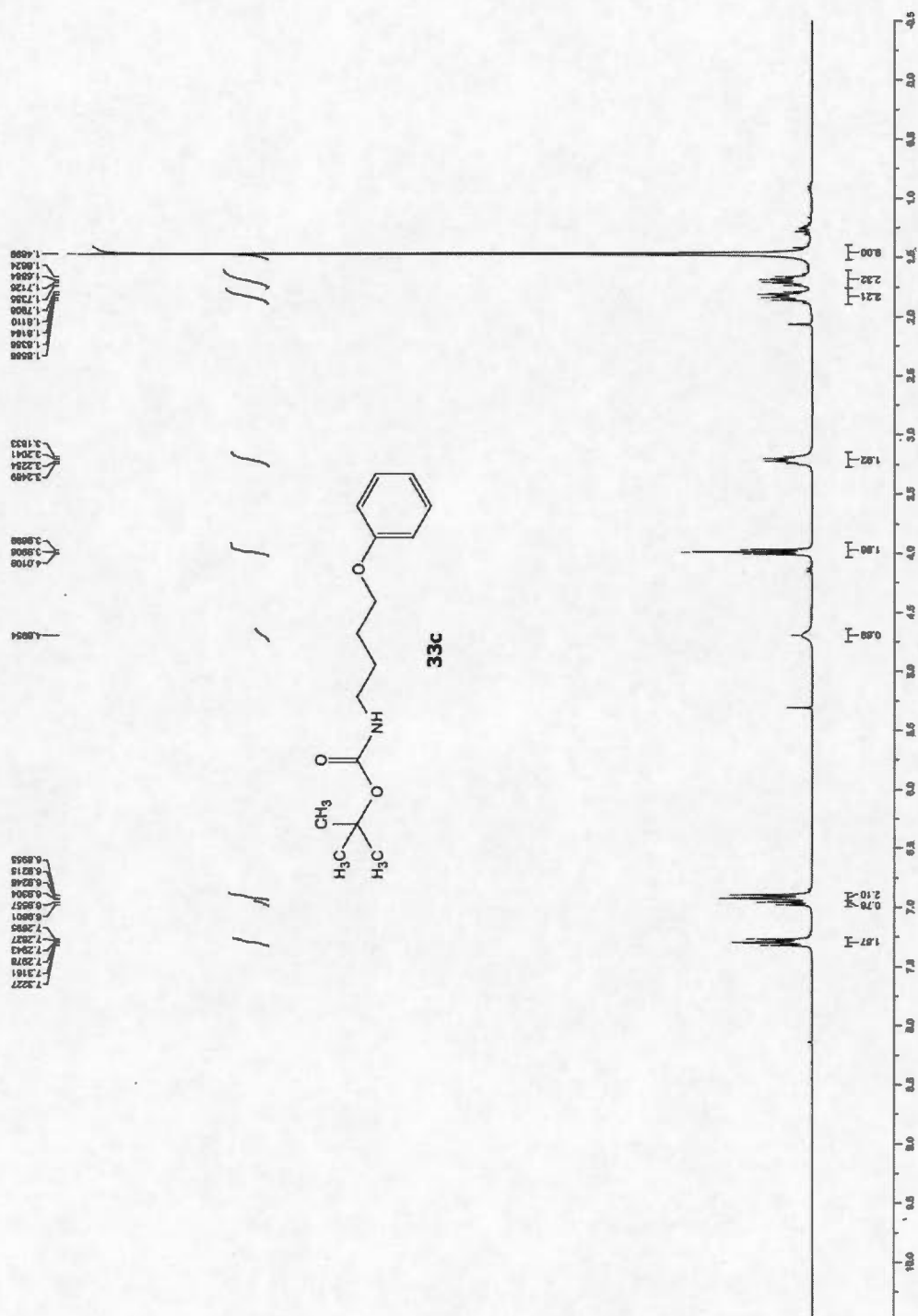


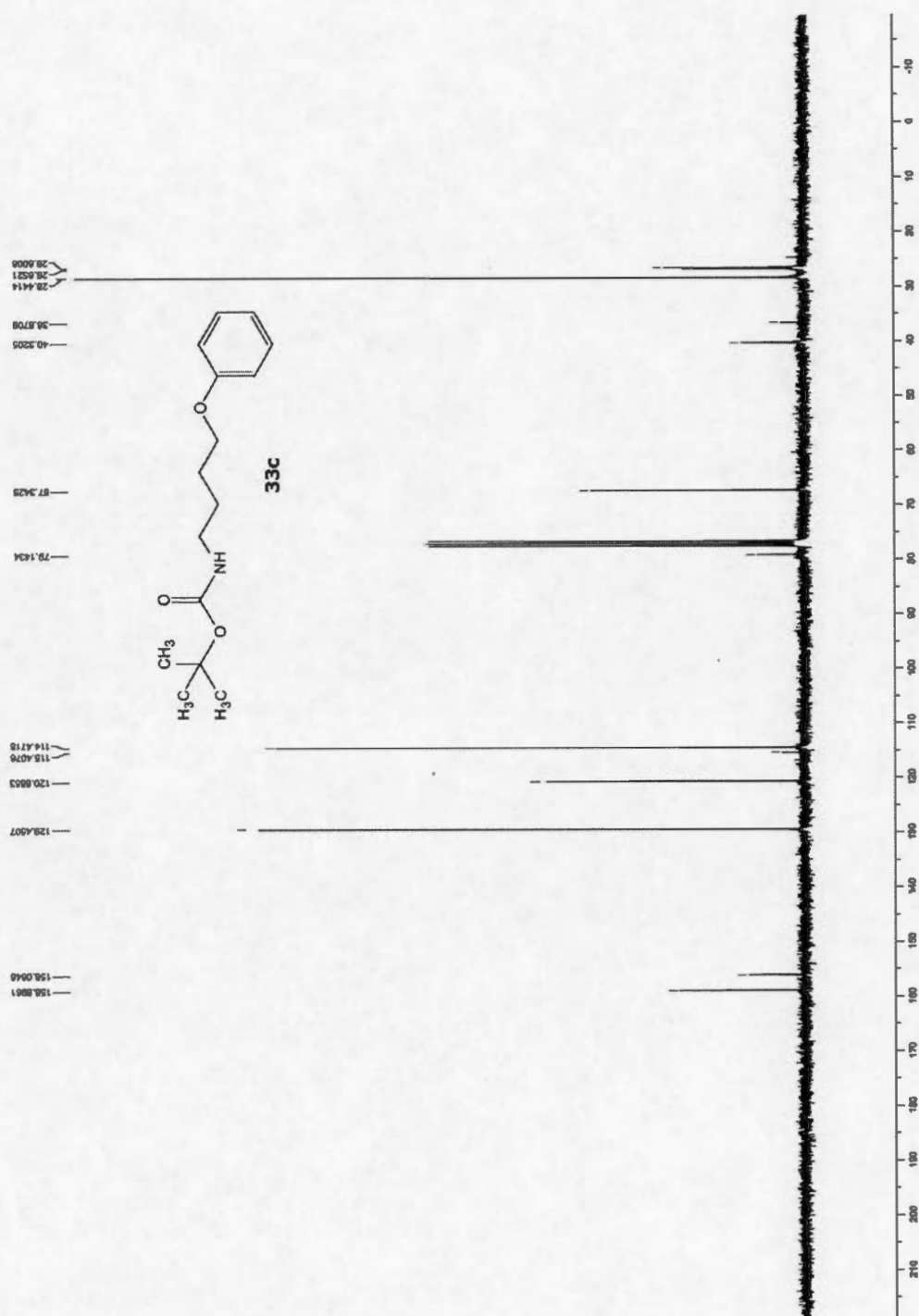


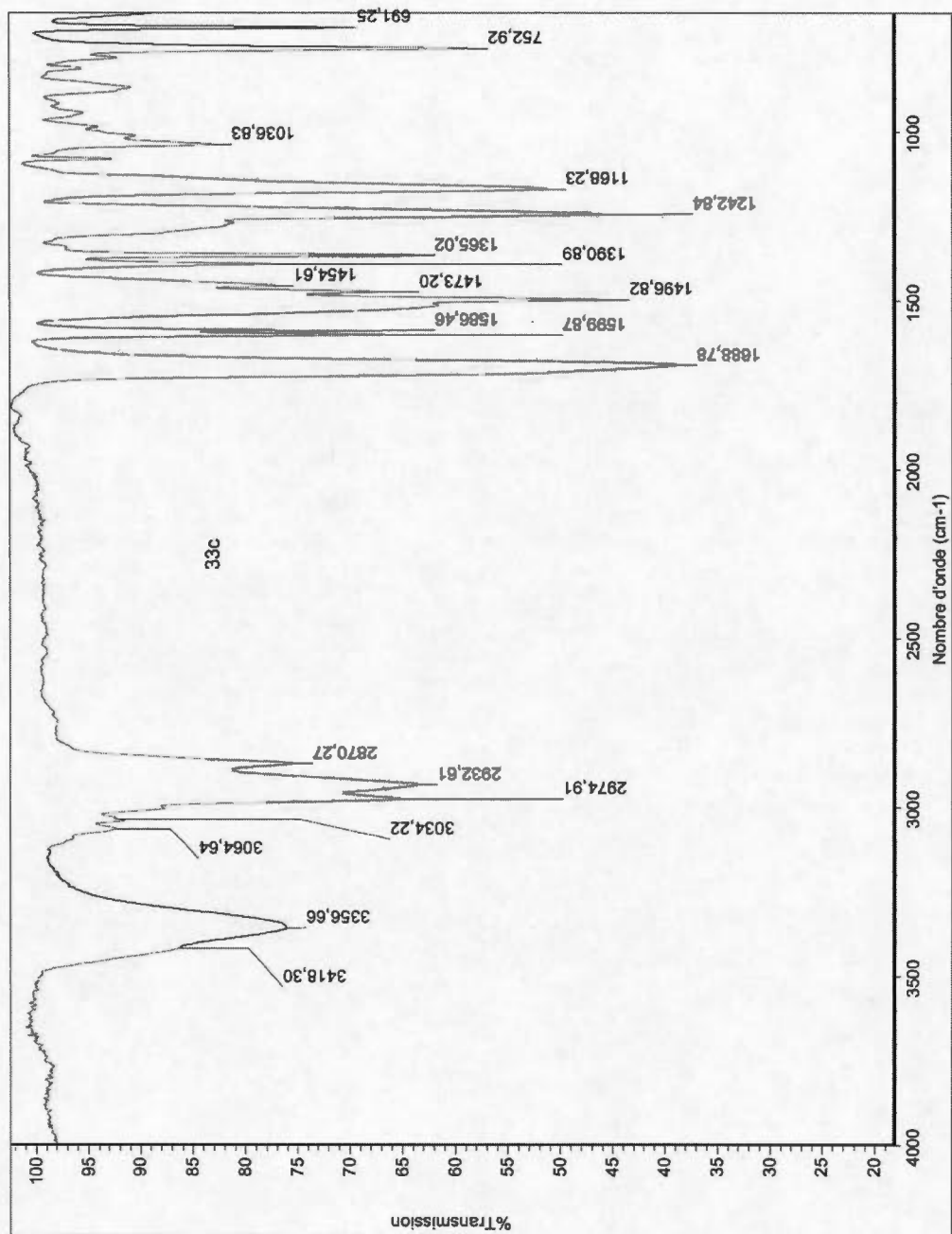


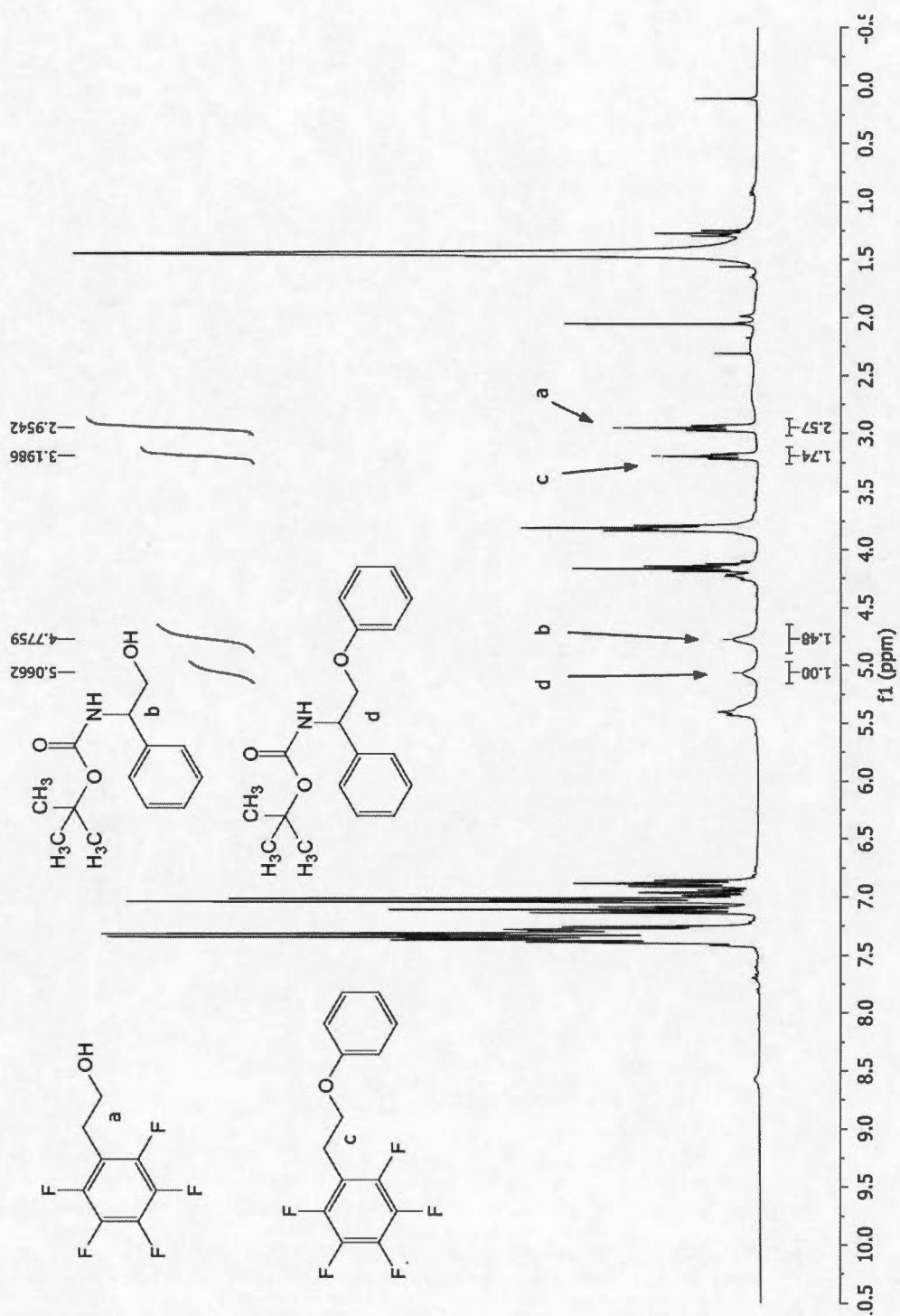


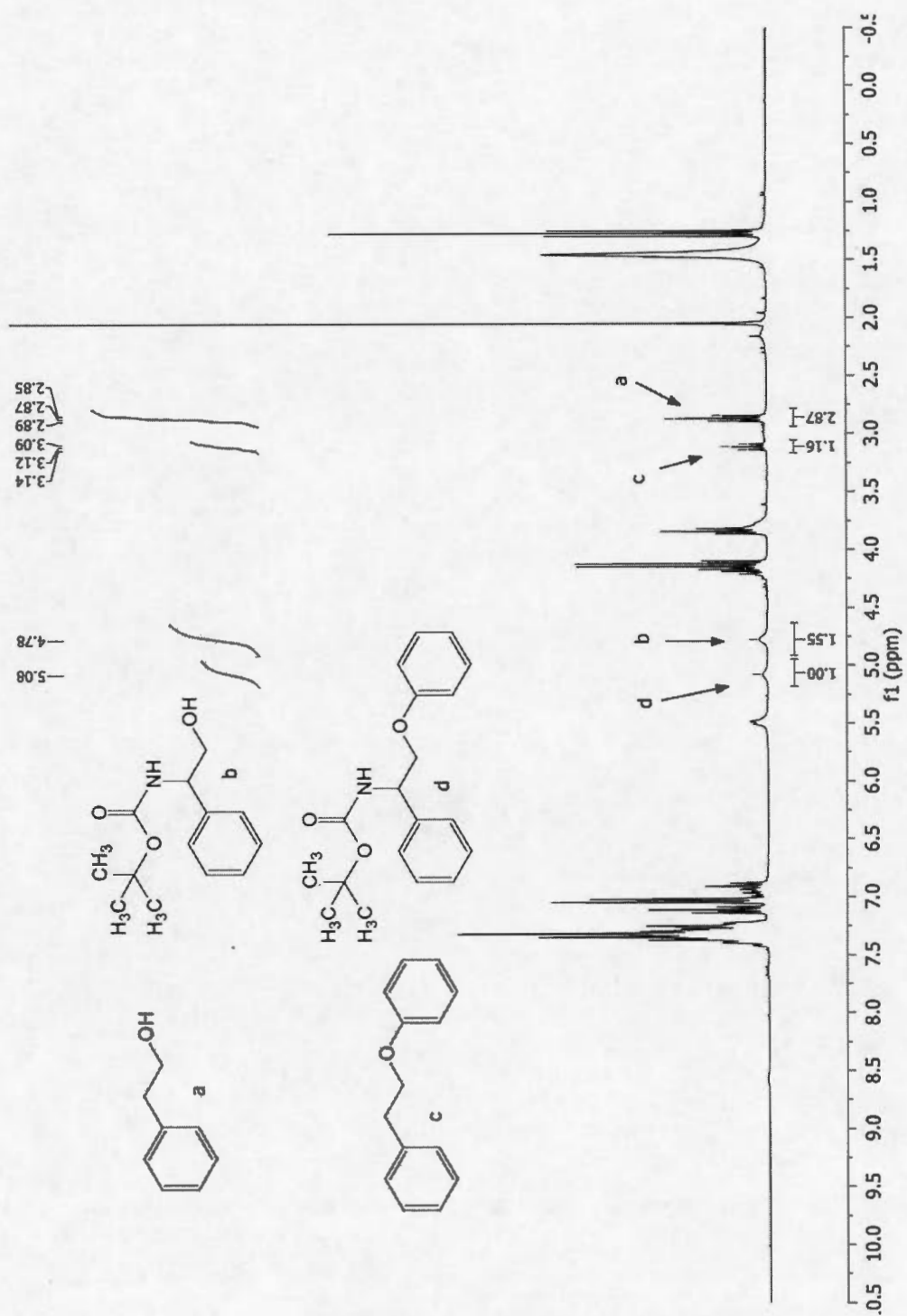












## ANNEXE I

### "SYNTHESIS OF HIGHLY FUNCTIONNALIZED TRIARYLBISMUTHANES BY FUNCTIONNAL GROUP MANIPULATION AND USE IN C-, N-, AND O-, ARYLATION REACTIONS" ARTICLE

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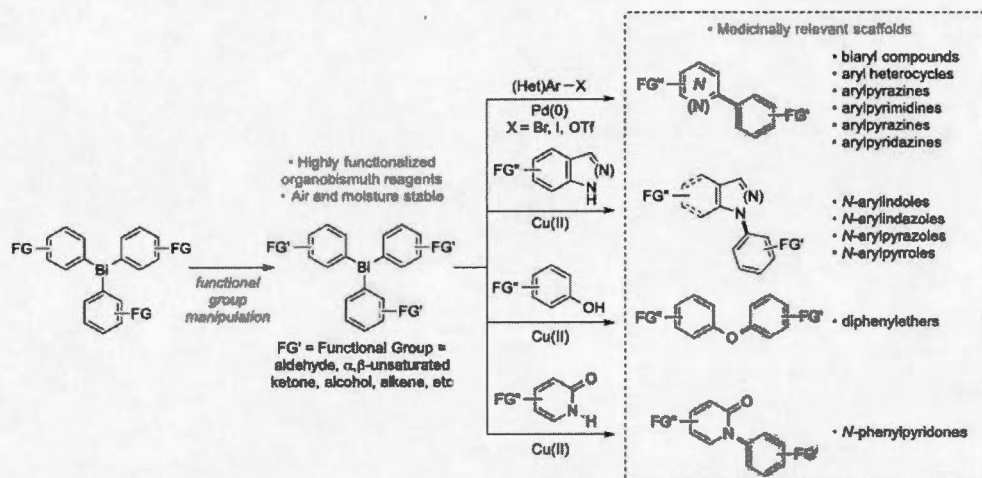


# Synthesis of Highly Functionalized Triarylbi-muthanes by Functional Group Manipulation and use in *C*-, *N*-, and *O*-Arylation Reactions

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## ABSTRACT

Organobismuthanes are an attractive class of organometallic reagents that can be accessed from inexpensive and non toxic bismuth salts. Arylbismuthanes are particularly interesting since they are air and moisture stable and since they show high functional group tolerance. We report herein our detailed study on the preparation of highly functionalized triarylbi-muth reagents by functional group manipulation and their use in palladium and copper-catalyzed *C*-, *N*-, and *O*-arylation reactions.



## INTRODUCTION

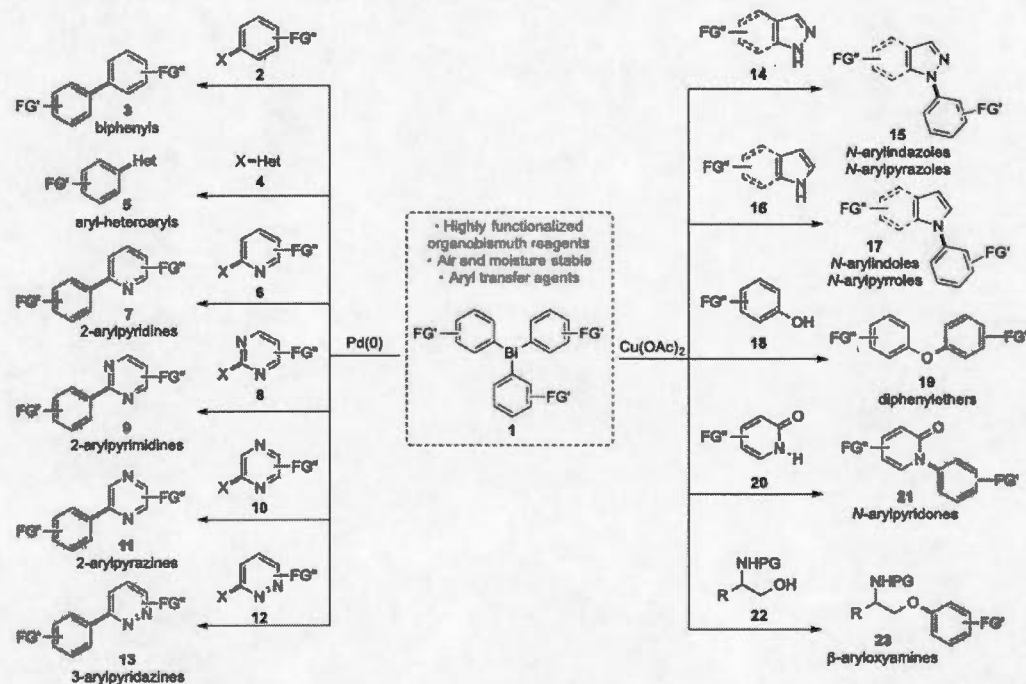
The preparation of complex organic molecules relies on our ability to form new bonds in a controlled fashion. In order to accomplish this task, access to efficient methods that allow the construction of new bonds in the presence of functional groups is essential. In addition, to be applicable to the context of medicinal chemistry, these methods should ideally be sufficiently simple and robust to be amenable to parallel chemistry, thus enabling the preparation of libraries of pharmaceutically relevant compounds.<sup>1</sup>

Organometallic reagents have revolutionized the field of organic chemistry by facilitating the formation of challenging bonds. However, in some cases, these reagents suffer from severe limitations such as air and moisture sensitivity, pyrophoricity, low stability, and poor functional group compatibility. Recently, the disclosure of methods by Knochel for the preparation of functionalized organometallic reagents has contributed to solving some of the issues that are intrinsically linked to organometallic species.

Organobismuthanes are a class of organometallic reagents that possess a carbon–bismuth bond. These reagents can be prepared from inexpensive and non toxic bismuth salts. Arylbismuthanes are particularly attractive since they are air and moisture stable and since they can be purified by simple flash chromatography or by crystallization. Due to the weak strength of the carbon–bismuth bond, organobismuth reagents are remarkably tolerant to numerous functional groups. The reactivity of organobismuth compounds is determined by the oxidation state of the bismuth center, with trivalent Bi(III) reagents acting as nucleophiles and pentavalent Bi(V) species behaving as electrophiles.<sup>2</sup> In the 1980's, Barton and Finet exploited this dual mode of reactivity to develop a series of metal-catalyzed reactions based on organobismuthanes.<sup>3</sup> More recently, the work of Condon and Rao<sup>4</sup> on organobismuthanes contributed to expand the application of this class of reagents in organic synthesis.

Our group has reported over the past years a portfolio of methods for the formation of C–C,<sup>5</sup> C–N,<sup>6</sup> and C–O<sup>7</sup> bonds using functionalized trivalent organobismuth reagents **1**. These methods allow the transfer of functionalized aryl groups on various scaffolds such as

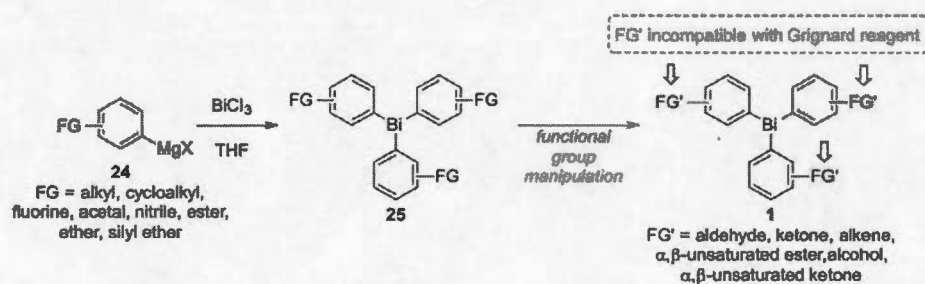
arenes **2**, heteroarenes **4**, pyridines **6**, pyrimidines **8**, pyrazines **10**, pyridazines **12**, indazoles and pyrazoles **14**, indoles and pyrroles **16**, phenols **18**, pyridones **20**, and 1,2-aminoalcohols **22**, giving access to a range of medically relevant compounds (**Scheme 1**). These methodologies are simple to operate, require almost no optimization of the reaction conditions, and tolerate a wide array of functional groups on both coupling partners.



**Scheme 1.** Triarylbi-muthanes in arylation reactions: access to highly functionalized and medically relevant compounds

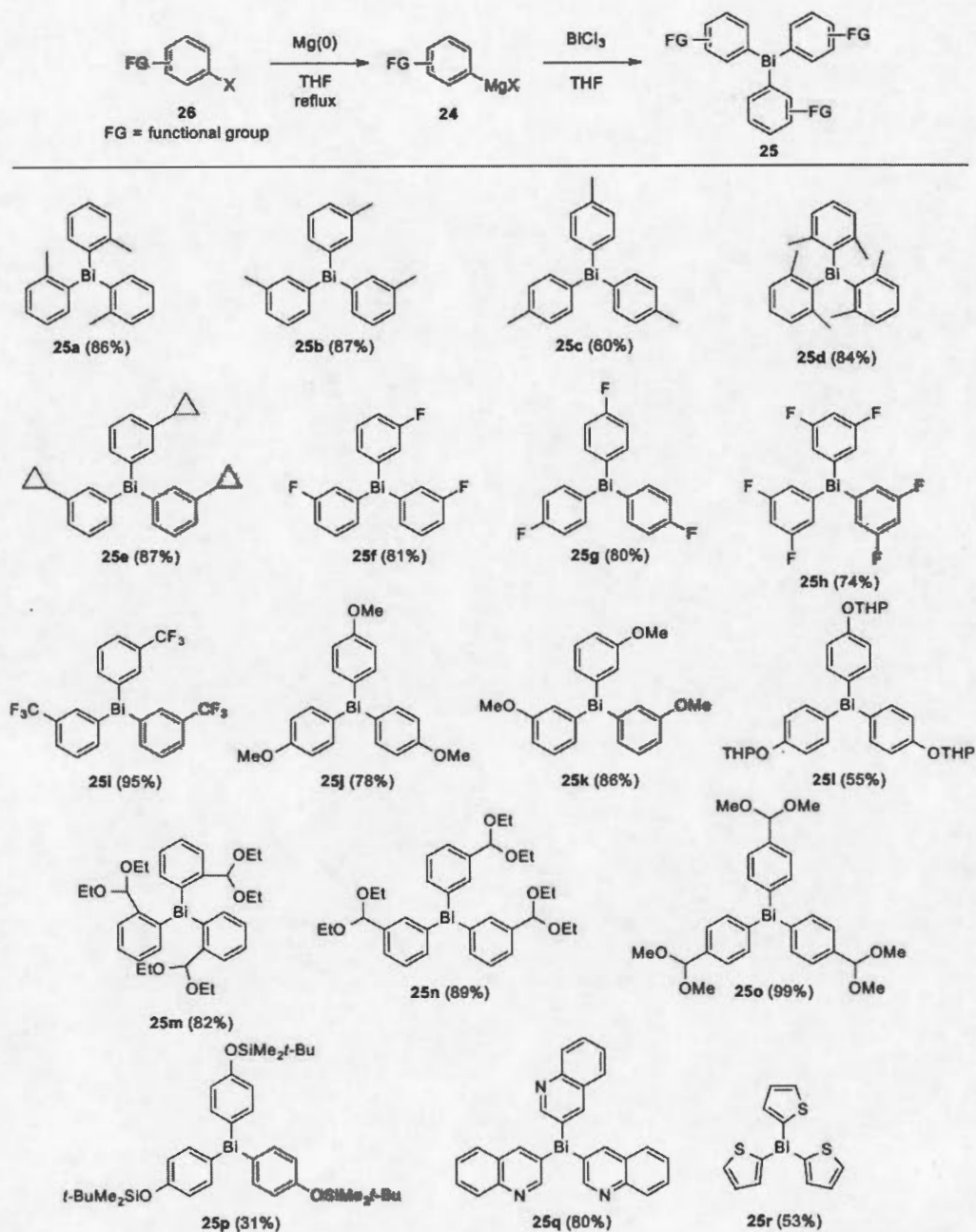
Triarylbi-muth reagents **25** can be easily accessed via the addition of the corresponding Grignard reagents **24** onto bismuth chloride (**Scheme 2**). However, due to the reactive nature of organomagnesium reagents, functional groups possessing electrophilic centers or acidic functions cannot be introduced on the organobismuth species using this approach. Condon reported an elegant and powerful method to prepare functionalized organobismuth reagents by addition of organozinc reagents obtained from a

cobalt-zinc metal-halogen exchange reaction on aryl halides. While this method is quite general, we felt that alternative procedures were still desirable to provide more flexibility in the preparation of organobismuthanes **25**. The strategy that we explored consists in introducing the incompatible functional group *à posteriori* by performing functional group transformations directly on species **25**. In the course of our studies, we found that the C–Bi bonds in organobismuthanes **25** are surprisingly resistant to a wide range of acidic, basic, reductive, and even oxidative conditions, thus enabling the transformation of the functional group FG in **25** into more elaborated functional groups FG' as shown in **1**. We would like to report herein the preparation of highly functionalized triarylbi­smuth reagents using this approach and their use in copper and palladium-catalyzed C–C, C–N, and C–O bond formation reactions.



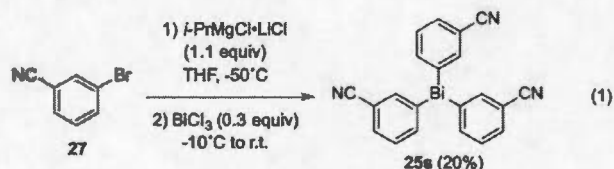
**Scheme 2.** Synthesis of highly functionalized organobismuthanes by functional group manipulation

We began by synthesizing a set of organobismuthanes **25** bearing inert groups via the addition of organomagnesium reagents **24** to bismuth chloride (**Figure 1**). The Grignard reagents **24** were prepared from the corresponding aryl halides **26** through conventional methods involving metallic magnesium at reflux of ether or THF. Using this approach, eighteen different *ortho*, *meta*, and *para* substituted triaryl- and heteroarylbi­smuthanes were synthesized in moderate to excellent yield.

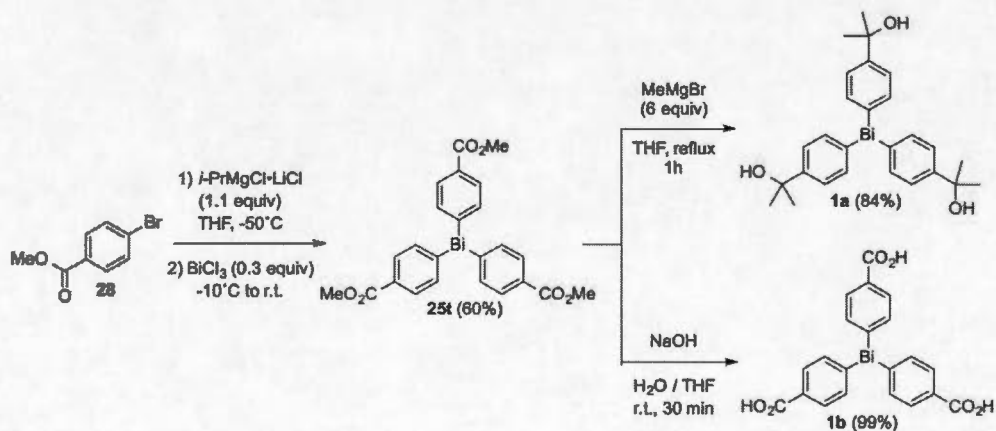


**Figure 1.** Preparation of functionalized organobismuthanes directly from organomagnesium reagents

For the introduction of more reactive groups such as nitriles, the standard procedure described in **Figure 1** was slightly modified since the Grignard reagent could not be prepared by refluxing *meta*-cyanophenylbromide **27** with metallic magnesium. Instead, the desired Grignard was generated from bromide **27** using Knochel's procedure. Addition of the organomagnesium reagent thus obtained over bismuth chloride followed by usual work-up afforded tris(3-cyanophenyl)bismuthane **25s**, albeit in low yield (**Eq. 1**).

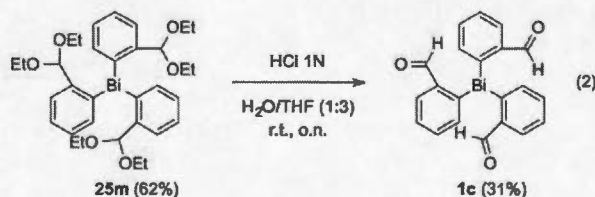


As a point of entry into the exploration of group manipulation on organobismuthanes, we synthesized triaryl bismuth reagent **25t** where an ester is present at the *para* position or the aromatic group, from the corresponding Grignard reagent, itself prepared from *para*-bromo methylbenzoate **28** using Knochel's procedure (**Scheme 3**). Starting from **25t**, the ester was transformed into the corresponding tertiary alcohol **1a** by addition of methylmagnesium bromide and acid **1b** by saponification respectively. These two transformations demonstrate that the carbon–bismuth bonds in arylbismuthanes are resistant to organometallic and basic aqueous conditions.



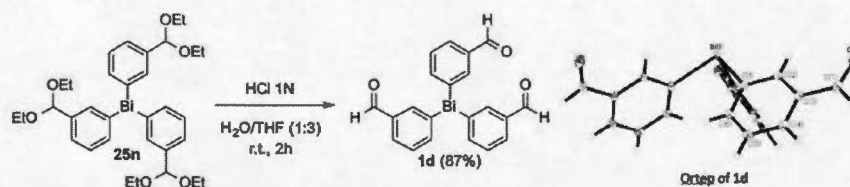
**Scheme 3.** Preparation of tris(4-(1-hydroxy-1-methyl)ethylphenyl)bismuthane **1a** and tris(4-carboxyphenyl)bismuthane **1b** by Grignard addition and saponification of triester **25t**

Due to their high electrophilicity, aldehydes cannot be present on organomagnesium reagents. The preparation of organometallic reagents bearing aldehydes must therefore involve less electropositive metals such as lead, tin, boron, zinc or indium. However, the toxic nature of tin and lead greatly limits the use of the corresponding organometallic species in synthesis. While many organoboronic acids bearing aldehyde groups are commercially available, their use in metal-catalyzed reaction often require extensive optimization of the conditions. Conversely, arylzinc reagents bearing aldehyde functions have proven to be very useful in palladium cross-coupling reactions, but their sensitivity to moisture and air make them not suitable for applications in parallel chemistry. Finally, while organoindium have generated great interest in the synthetic community over the past decade, the cost of indium represents a non negligible issue to their application in the synthesis of medicinal chemistry compounds. In that context, organobismuthanes bearing aldehydes can fill an important need in organic synthesis. Starting from tris(2-diethoxymethyl)phenylbismuthane **25m**, we performed the hydrolysis of the acetal function to generate the tris-formyl derivative **1c** in modest yield (Eq. 2).



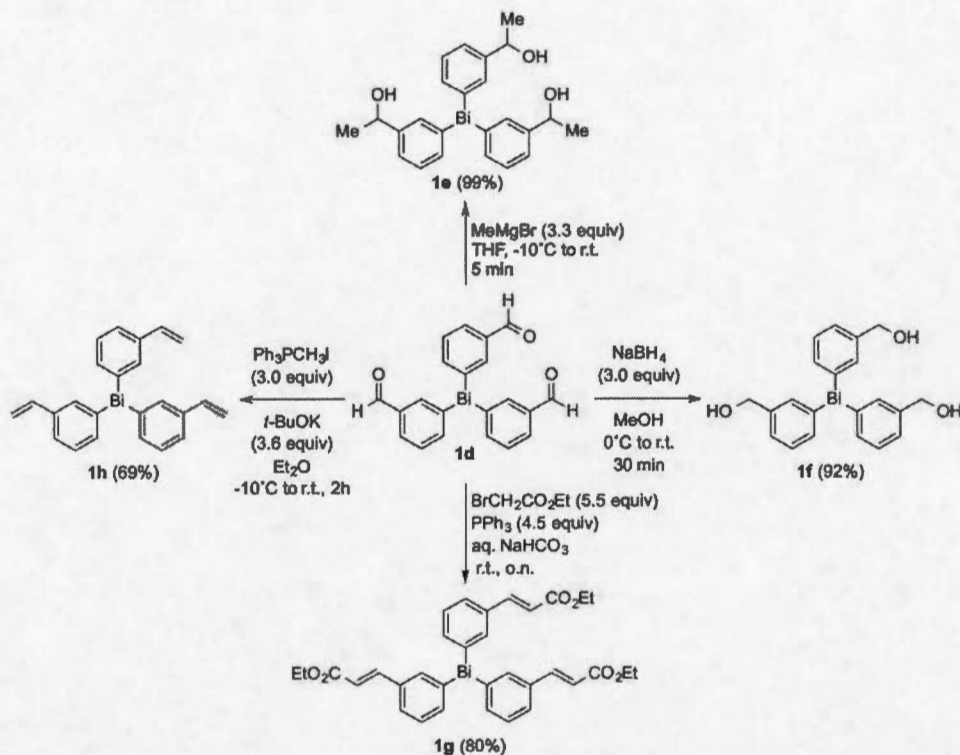
Using the same sequence, tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthane **1d** was prepared from organobismuthane **25n** (Scheme 4). These two examples show that organobismuthanes are inert to aqueous acidic conditions, demonstrating the robustness of these reagents.





**Scheme 4.** Synthesis and X-ray structure of tris-(3-formylphenyl)bismuthane **1d**

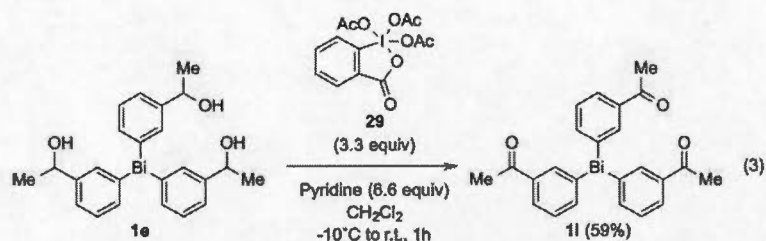
We then utilized reagent **1d** as a point of diversification for the introduction of other functional groups (**Scheme 5**). For instance, the addition of methylmagnesium bromide on **1d** provided the corresponding tris(3-(1-hydroxyethyl)phenyl)bismuthane **1e** in excellent yield. The reduction of the aldehyde on **1d** was also accomplished using sodium borohydride, affording tris(3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)bismuthane **1f** in 93% yield. Next, olefination reactions using Horner-Emmons-Wadsworth<sup>8</sup> or Wittig<sup>9</sup> conditions were performed, leading to the corresponding cinnamyl and vinyl derivatives **1g** and **1h**. These examples show that organobismuthanes are resistant to organometallic and reductive agents as well as phosphorus ylides.



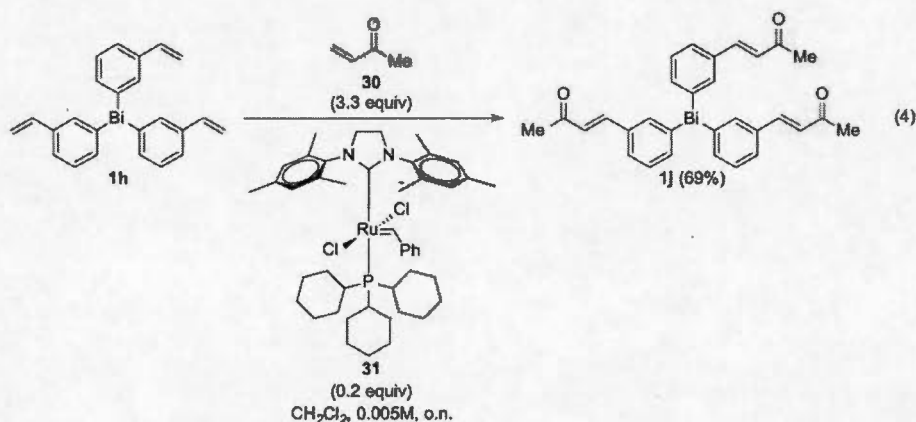
**Scheme 5.** Synthesis of highly functionalized organobismuthanes **1e-h** by derivatization of tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthane **1d**

We next focused our efforts on the introduction of a ketone on the organobismuth reagent and envisaged achieving this by oxidizing the secondary alcohol in **1e** (Eq. 3). However, since trivalent organobismuthanes can be oxidized into their pentavalent counterparts using oxidizing agents, it was not clear from the onset if the bismuth (III) center in **1e** would tolerate oxidizing conditions. Pleasantly, the tris-methyl ketone **1i** was obtained in moderate yield using Dess-Martin periodinane **29** as the oxidizing agent.





We then elected to synthesize organobismuthane **1j** by conducting a cross-metathesis reaction between the tris-vinyl species **1h** and methyl vinyl ketone **30**. After testing a few metathesis catalysts, we found that **1j** could be obtained in good yield and with exclusive *E* configuration using Grubbs-II catalyst. (Eq. 4).



Access to efficient methods that lead to the formation of  $\text{sp}^2\text{-sp}^2$  bonds is particularly important in organic chemistry as 38% of the bioactive compounds prepared in the pharmaceutical industry contain a biaryl moiety. The discovery of palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions has revolutionized the way chemists construct carbon-carbon bonds. In fact, according to a recent survey, 11.5% of the reactions conducted in the pharmaceutical industry during drug discovery phases consist of a palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction. In another study, this number was even higher and was estimated to be around 22% of all reactions conducted by medicinal chemists. Therefore, it is no

surprise that the Suzuki reaction, which consists in the coupling of an organoboronic acid with an aryl halide, is the 8<sup>th</sup> most utilized reaction in medicinal chemistry.

The popularity of palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions is intimately linked to the availability of organometallic reagents that show little toxicity and that can be easily prepared, stored, and handled. Although this is the case for organoboronic acids, other reagents often suffer from several limitations. For example, organotin reagents are toxic and are usually avoided in the pharmaceutical industry while organozinc reagents are highly pyrophoric and moisture sensitive and must therefore be manipulated under anhydrous and oxygen-free conditions. In other cases such as organomagnesium reagents, low functional group compatibility is usually observed.

With our functionalized organobismuthanes in hand, we next explored their reactivity in cross-coupling reactions using conditions that we previously reported for the coupling involving 2-haloazines and diazines. One important aspect of arylbismuth reagents is their ability to deliver three aryl groups per equivalent of organometallic reagent in cross-coupling reactions. Therefore, we performed our optimization of reaction conditions using 0.4 equivalent of the organobismuthane. Among other important goals, we wanted to minimize the amount of catalyst, to use mild bases, and to use the lowest possible temperature and reaction time for this transformation. To investigate the functional group tolerance and to facilitate the substrate analysis by NMR-spectroscopy, we searched for conditions that would allow the cross-coupling between triarylbi-muthane **1e** and 4-bromobenzaldehyde **32**. Using our previously reported conditions, we obtained the desired cross-coupling product **33** in only 37% yield (**Table 1**, entry 1). The observed low yield shows that the coupling of highly functionalized organobismuthanes represents a substantial challenge and commands the fine-tuning of all parameters in order to identify more efficient conditions for this transformation. Suspecting that the high temperature was potentially leading to decomposition of the reagent or the the product, we next performed the coupling reaction at 80°C but obtained a similar yield of **33** (entry 2). Changing the catalyst for PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (entry 3), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/S-Phos (entry 4), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/PPh<sub>3</sub> (entry 5) or PEPSI-*i*Pr (entry 6) did not provide any improvement in the yield of the reaction. Organ

recently reported the beneficial effect of lithium salts on cross-coupling reactions. Using this information, we found that a substantial amelioration in the yield of the reaction was obtained using 2.0 equivalents of lithium chloride as an additive (entry 7). Changing the solvent for THF (entry 8), toluene (entry 9) or a mixture of DMF and HMPA (entry 10) was detrimental for the reaction or at best inconsequential. The use of a stronger base such as potassium *tert*-butoxide led to a drastic drop in the yield of the reaction (entry 11). In addition, while potassium carbonate provided similar yields as cesium carbonate (entry 12), we found that potassium phosphate was much more efficient as a base in this transformation, providing the desired cross-coupling product **33** in 82% isolated yield (entry 13). Lowering the number of equivalents of lithium chloride (entry 14) or potassium phosphate (entry 15) led to an erosion in the yield of the reaction. Although water was somewhat tolerated, no improvement in the yield was observed using a 5:1 ratio of DMF:water (entry 16). The optimized conditions identified from this study represent a considerable improvement over our previously reported protocol since the coupling can now be performed at lower temperature and in lesser time.

**Table 1.** Optimization of reaction conditions for the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of **1e** with 4-bromobenzaldehyde **32**

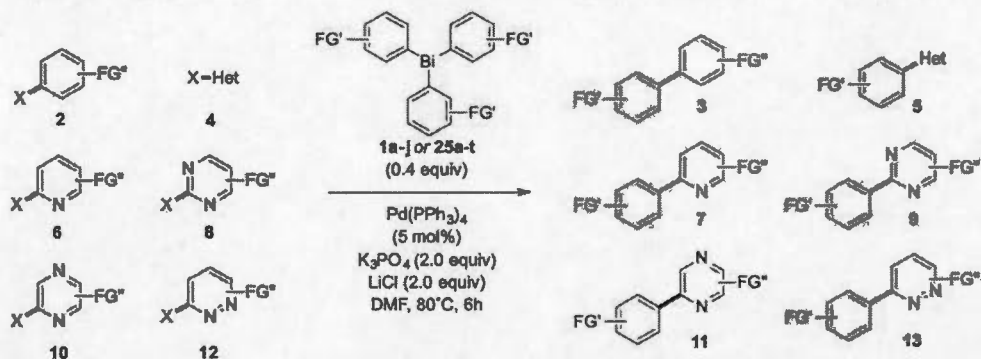
entry	catalyst	ligand	additive (x equiv)	base (y equiv)	solvent	T (°C)	t (h)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	N.A.	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	130	18	37
2	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	N.A.	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	36
3	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	N.A.	N.A.	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	31
4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	S-Phos	N.A.	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	7
5	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	N.A.	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	31
6	PEPSI- <i>i</i> Pr	N.A.	N.A.	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	23
7	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	64

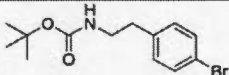
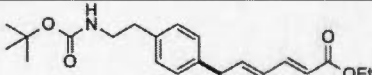
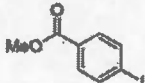
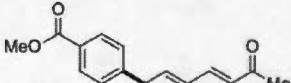
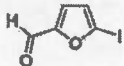
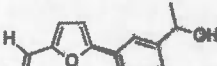

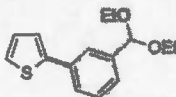

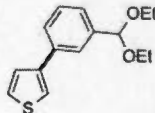
8	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	THF	80	6	13
9	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	Toluene	80	6	25
10	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF/HMPA	80	6	59
11	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	<i>t</i> -BuOK (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	14
12	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	69
13	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	82
14	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (1 equiv)	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF	80	6	57
15	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (1 equiv)	DMF	80	6	48
16	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	N.A.	LiCl (2 equiv)	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (2 equiv)	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>a</sup>	80	6	73

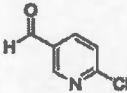
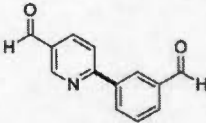
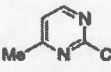
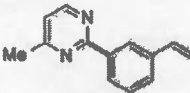
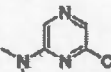
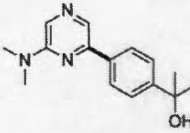
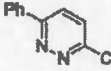
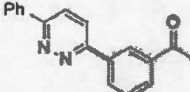
<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of pure product. <sup>b</sup> DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (5:1 ratio)

Having optimized the conditions for the cross-coupling reaction involving functionalized organobismuthanes, we next investigated the scope of the method using selected aryl halides **2**, heteroarylhalides **4**, 2-halopyridines **6**, 2-halopyrimidines **8**, 2-halopyrazines **10**, and 2-halopyridazines **12** (Table 2). The choice of the electrophiles was motivated by the presence of functional groups that would demonstrate the applicability of our protocol in the preparation of highly functionalized compounds. Therefore, 4-(*N*-BOC-aminoethyl)bromobenzene **2a**, 4-iodo methyl benzoate **2b**, 2-iodo-4-furaldehyde **4a**, 2- and 3-bromothiophene **4b** and **4c**, 6-chloropyridine-3-carboxaldehyde **6a**, 2-chloro-4-methylpyrimidine **8a**, 2-chloro-6-dimethylaminopyrazine **8a**, and 3-chloro-6-phenylpyridazine **12a** were engaged in cross-coupling reactions with organobismuthanes **1a-j** and **25a-t** to afford the corresponding products in low to excellent yield. These example demonstrate that our method tolerate a wide diversity of functional groups on the electrophile (BOC-protected amines (**3a**), esters (**3b**), aldehydes (**5a**), and dialkylamines (**13a**)) as well as on the organobismuthane (cinnamyl ester (**3a**), acetal (**5b,c**) and aldehyde (**7a**)). Perhaps more fascinating is the ability of this method to deliver in workable yields aryl groups that possess functions that are susceptible to arylation, elimination, or oxidation such as an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone (**3b**), a secondary alcohol (**5a**), a vinyl group (**9a**) and a methylketone (**13a**).

**Table 2.** Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of highly functionalized organobismuthanes **1a-j** and **25a-t** with arylhalides (**2**), heteroarylhalides (**4**), halopyridines (**6**), halopyrimidines (**8**), halopyrazines (**10**), and halopyridazines (**12**)



entry	electrophile	Ar <sub>2</sub> Bi	product	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1		<b>1g</b>		<b>91</b>
	<b>2a</b>		<b>3a</b>	
2		<b>1j</b>		<b>43</b>
	<b>2b</b>		<b>3b</b>	
3		<b>1e</b>		<b>84</b>
	<b>4a</b>		<b>5a</b>	
4		<b>25n</b>		<b>37</b>
	<b>4b</b>		<b>5b</b>	
5		<b>25n</b>		<b>28</b>
	<b>4c</b>		<b>5c</b>	

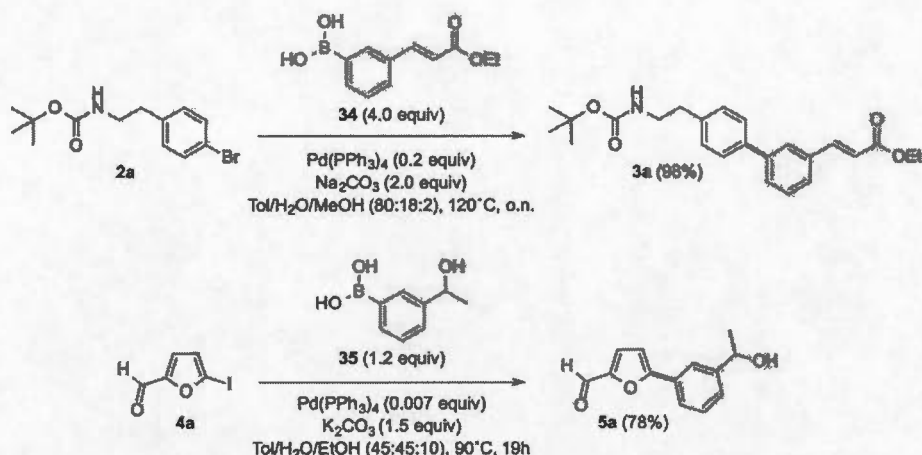
6		1d		36
	6a		7a	
7		1h		21
	8a		9a	
8		1a		42
	10a		11a	
9		1l		25
	12a		13a	

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of pure product.

In order to calibrate our method with respect to other classical cross-coupling reactions, we performed the coupling between 4-(*N*-BOC-aminoethyl)bromobenzene **2a** and boronic acid **34** using conditions from the literature<sup>10</sup> and obtained the corresponding product **3a** in 98% yield (**Scheme 6**). Interestingly, the reported procedure required 4.0 equivalents of boronic acid at 120°C overnight to achieve a good yield. By comparison, the same product was obtained using the 0.4 equivalent of the corresponding organobismuthane **1g** at 80°C in 6 hours (**Table 2**, entry 1).

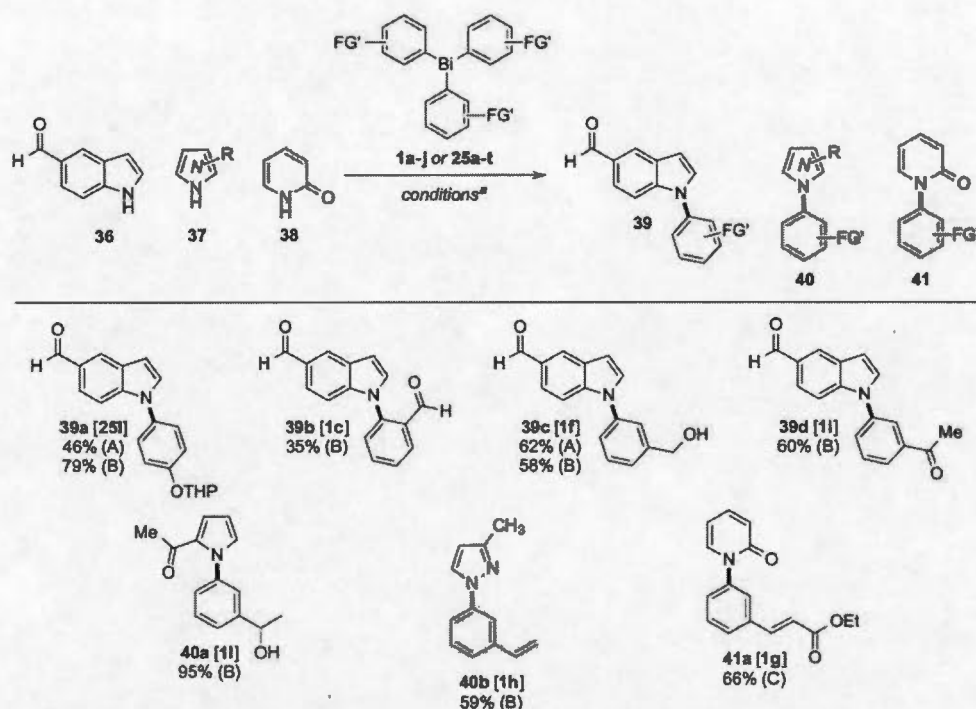
We then prepared compound **5a** from boronic acid **35** using conditions from the literature (**Scheme 6**).<sup>11</sup> Again, long reaction times were needed to obtain a good yield of **5a** from the boronic acid while our protocol involving organobismuthane **1e** afforded the same compound in slightly higher yield in only 6 hours (**Table 1**, entry 3).





**Scheme 6.** Preparation of derivatives **3a** and **5a** by Suzuki cross-coupling reactions between aryl and heteroaryl halides **2a** and **4a** and boronic acids **34** and **35**

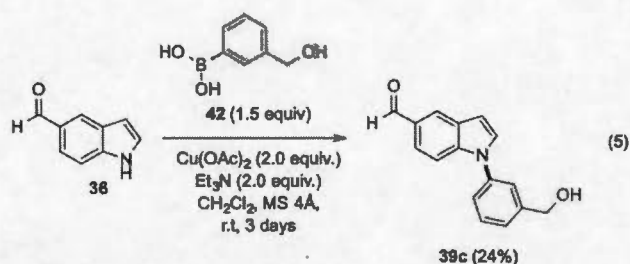
We recently reported a copper-catalyzed protocol for the *N*-arylation of azoles, diazoles and pyridones using organobismuthanes and demonstrated that a wide array of functional groups are tolerated in this transformation. To further expand on the functional group diversity of this method, we tested some of the highly functionalized organobismuthanes prepared in this work in the *N*-arylation reaction. As illustrated in **Scheme 7**, moderate to excellent yields of the desired *N*-arylated products were obtained using the previously reported conditions. These examples demonstrate that the method is extremely general and can be used to transfer aryl groups possessing a benzylic alcohol (**39c**), a methyl ketone (**39d**), a secondary alcohol (**40a**), a vinyl group (**40b**) and an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester (**41a**).



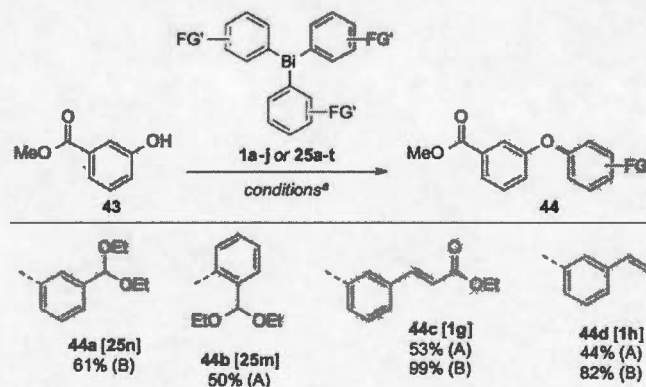
**Scheme 7.** *N*-Arylation of indoles **36**, pyrroles and pyrazoles **37**, and pyridones **38** using highly functionalized organobismuthanes **1a-j** and **25a-t**. The numbers in brackets indicate the organobismuthane used for the synthesis of each compound. <sup>a</sup> Conditions: Method A: Ar<sub>3</sub>Bi (1.0 equiv), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.1 equiv), pyridine (1.0 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, 50°C; Method B: Ar<sub>3</sub>Bi (1.0 equiv), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 equiv), pyridine (3.0 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, 50°C; Method C: Ar<sub>3</sub>Bi (1.0 equiv), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 equiv), pyridine (3.0 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, air, 50°C.

To evaluate the efficiency of our protocol, we next prepared compound **39c** from organoboronic acid **42** using a method from the literature that involves 2.0 equivalents of copper acetate, 2.0 equivalent of triethylamine in dichloromethane in the presence of molecular sieves (Eq. 5).<sup>12</sup> After 3 days at room temperature, only 24% of the desired product was obtained. By comparison, the same compound was prepared in 62% overnight using the corresponding organobismuthane **1f** (Scheme 7).



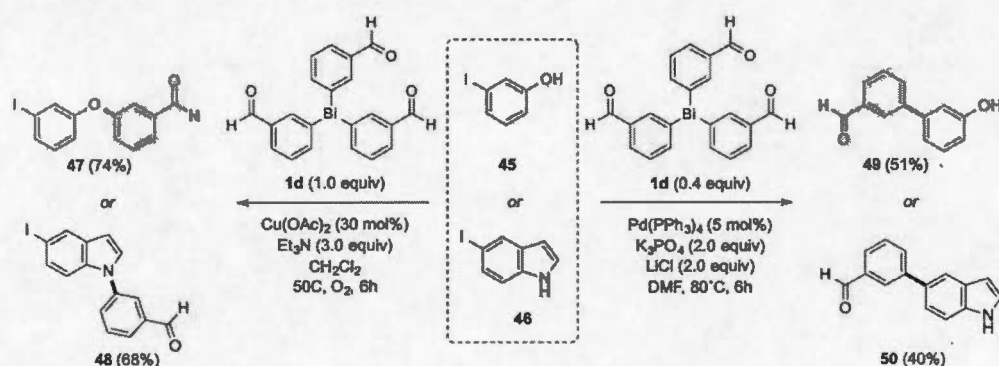


We next evaluated the applicability of some of the prepared organobismuthanes herein in the *O*-arylation reaction of 3-hydroxymethylbenzoate using a protocol that we reported in 2013. As shown in **Scheme 8**, our method proved very general and allowed the transfer of aryl groups possessing a variety of groups such as an acetal in *meta* or even *ortho* position (**44a,d**), an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ester (**44b**) and a vinyl group (**44c**). We demonstrated previously that this method is comparable or to existing *O*-arylation methods where 2.5 equivalents of organoboronic acids are utilized to achieve good yield of the desired diarylether.



**Scheme 8.** *O*-Arylation of 3-hydroxy methyl benzoate **43** using highly functionalized organobismuthanes **1a-j** and **25a-t**. The numbers in brackets indicate the organobismuthane used for the synthesis of each compound. <sup>a</sup> Conditions: Method A:  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$  (1.0 equiv),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (1.0 equiv),  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (3 equiv),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 50°C, air, 3h; Method B:  $\text{Ar}_3\text{Bi}$  (1.0 equiv),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.3 equiv),  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (3 equiv),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 50°C,  $\text{O}_2$ , 16h.

Finally, we explored the orthogonal transfer of aryl groups on substrates bearing at the same time an aryl halide function and either a phenol or an indole (**Scheme 9**). While this might appear as a trivial experiment, one must realize that the presence of an acidic group such as a phenol or an indole could lead to dehalogenation of the electrophile during the palladium cross-coupling reaction. Gratifyingly, the protocol developed in **Table 1** proved to be very efficient in the context of palladium cross-coupling reaction with 3-iodophenol **45** and 5-iodoindole **46**, affording products **49** and **50** respectively in moderate yields. In addition, the aryl transfer could be directed regioselectively on the oxygen of **45** or the nitrogen of **46** using copper acetate to afford **47** and **48**, in good yield.



**Scheme 9.** Orthogonal *N*- and *O*-arylation vs *C*-arylation of 3-iodophenol **45** and 5-iodoindole **46** using tris(3-formylphenyl)bismuthane **1d**

## CONCLUSION

In summary, we demonstrated that highly functionalized triaryl bismuthanes can be prepared by functional group manipulation using acidic, basic, nucleophilic, or reducing conditions or using organometallic reagents. This approach gives access to unique organobismuthanes for which corresponding organoboronic acids are not available. We then developed an improved protocol for the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction involving these highly functionalized reagents. The modified procedure, which was utilized to prepare highly substituted biaryl substrates, involves lithium chloride as an additive and potassium phosphate as a base and requires shorter reaction times and temperatures. The

organobismuthanes prepared using the functional group manipulation approach were then used in the *N*-arylation of azoles and diazoles and in the *O*-arylation of phenols and pyridones, affording highly functionalized products. The protocols reported herein were shown to be equivalent or superior to other existing methods using organoboronic acids. The *C*-, *N*-, and *O*-arylation procedures developed in this work constitute an efficient and general portfolio of methods for the preparation of medicinally relevant scaffolds.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Information.** Unless otherwise indicated, all reactions were run under argon in non-flame dried glassware. For reactions performed under oxygen, 99.6% extra dry oxygen was used. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents were used without further purification. Grignard reagents were prepared by conventional methods using metallic magnesium or via Knochel's procedure.<sup>1</sup> Triphenylbismuth and anhydrous bismuth chloride 99.999% were purchased from Strem Chemicals. Triarylbiuthanes were prepared according to procedures that we previously reported.<sup>2,3</sup> Anhydrous solvents were obtained using a MBRAUN (model MB-SPS 800) encapsulated solvent purification system. The evolution of reactions was monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography using silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates. Flash chromatography was performed employing 230-400 mesh silica (Silicycle) using the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques.<sup>4</sup> Melting points were taken on an Electrothermal Mel-TEMP and are uncorrected. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C) were recorded on a Bruker Avance-III 300MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform,  $\delta$  7.27 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qt = quintuplet, dd = doublet of doublet, m = multiplet), coupling constant *J* in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane using the central peak of deuteriochloroform ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm) as the internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet 6700 PT-IR from thin films and are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). HRMS were performed at Université du Québec à Montréal (nanoQAM

center) on Agilent Technologies, LC 1200 Series / 6210 TOF LCMS analyzer using the electrospray (ESI) mode.

**Synthesis of triarylbi-muthanes. General procedure.** In a flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a condenser, bismuth chloride (500 mg, 1.6 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (23 mL) under argon and was cooled to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  (ice/acetone bath). The organomagnesium reagent (5.23 mmol) was slowly added dropwise under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour and heated at  $65^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 minutes. After cooling to r.t., the solution was diluted with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (2 x 100 mL), sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (2 x 100 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the indicated solvent system to afford the desired triarylbi-muthane.

**Tris(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)bismuthine (25p).** The general procedure was followed on a 1.6 mmol scale starting from bismuth chloride and (4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)magnesium bromide. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)bismuthine **25p** as a white solid (418 mg, 31%);  $R_f$  0.89 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 145.9, 138.8, 129.4, 122.4, 120.2, 25.7, 18.2, -4.3; IR (neat) 2956, 2929, 2886, 2857, 1578, 1487, 1254, 1171, 913; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{57}\text{BiO}_3\text{Si}_3$ : 830.3419, found 869.3075 ( $\text{M}+\text{K}$ ) $^{+}$ .

**4, 4', 4''-Bismuthinetriyltribenzoic acid (1b).** A solution of aqueous NaOH (3 mL, 1M) was added slowly to a solution of trimethyl 4,4',4''-bismuthinetriyltribenzoate **25t** (50 mg, 0.08 mmol) in anhydrous THF (3 mL). After 30 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with HCl (3 mL, 1M) and diluted with EtOAc (10 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (3 x 10 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 4, 4', 4''-bismuthinetriyltribenzoic acid **1b** as a white solid (50 mg, quant.);  $R_f$  0.45 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H); IR (neat) 3471, 3086, 2963, 2924, 2680, 2565, 1686, 1584, 1453, 1421, 1324, 1290, 924, 707; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BiO}_6$ : 572.0672, found 571.0615 ( $\text{M}-\text{H}$ ) $^{-}$ .

**2, 2', 2''-Bismuthinetriyltribenzaldehyde (1c).** Bismuth chloride (1.7 g, 5.33 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (60 mL) and was cooled to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  (ice-acetone bath) and 2-(benzaldehydediethylacetal)magnesium bromide (44 mL, 17.6 mmol) was slowly added dropwise under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature (r.t.) for one hour and heated at  $65^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 minutes. After cooling to r.t., the solution was diluted with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (2 x 50 mL), sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (2 x 50 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(2-(diethoxymethyl)phenyl)bismuthine **25m** as a white solid (3.3 g, 82%):  $R_f$  0.81 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td,  $J = 7.2, 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td,  $J = 7.3, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 3.55–3.34 (m, 4H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.5, 144.4, 140.5, 130.9, 127.4, 126.7, 104.2, 61.3, 14.9; IR (neat) 3049, 2973, 2928, 2871, 1438, 1336, 1204, 1108, 1050, 757; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{45}\text{BiO}_6$ : 746.3020, found 769.2868 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^{+}$ .

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL) and  $\text{HCl}$  18N (0.75 mL) were added at room temperature to a stirred solution of **25m** (1 g, 1.3 mmol) in THF (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for overnight and then diluted with EtOAc (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (20 mL) and sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (3 x 20 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(2-formylphenyl)bismuthine **1c** as a yellow solid (213 mg, 31%):  $R_f$  0.46 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.23 (s, 1H), 8.01 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.33 (td,  $J = 7.3, 1.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.9, 142.2, 140.7, 136.8, 136.3, 127.6, 125.5; IR (neat) 3042, 2977, 2806, 2724, 1690, 1671, 1571, 1556, 1197, 835, 759; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BiO}_3$ : 524.0825, found 525.0896 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^{+}$ .

**Trimethanol(bismuthinetriyltris(benzene-3,1-diyl)) (1f).** A solution of 3, 3', 3''-bismuthinetriyltribenzaldehyde **1d** (400 mg, 0.8 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL), was cooled to  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  (acetone/ice bath) and  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (90 mg, 2.4 mmol) was added. After 30 minutes, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (15 mL) and sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (3 x 15 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (40%



EtOAc/hexanes) to afford trimethanol[bismuthinetriyltris(benzene-3,1-diyl)] **1f** as a white solid (392 mg, 92%):  $R_f$  0.50 (10% MeOH/EtOAc);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  7.77 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz, MeOD)  $\delta$  156.7, 144.3, 137.6, 137.2, 131.4, 127.6, 65.3; IR (neat) 3314, 3038, 2923, 2869, 1563, 1412, 1203, 1012, 776; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{BiO}_3$ : 530.1295, found 553.1177 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ .

**Tris(3-vinylphenyl)bismuthine (1h).** To a solution of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PCH}_3\text{I}$  (1 g, 2.46 mmol) in THF (4.5 mL) to  $-10^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t\text{-BuOK}$  was added (2.95 mL, 2.95 mmol) and the solution was stirred during 30 min. To the yellow solution, the 3,3',3''-bismuthinetriyltribenzaldehyde **1d** (430 mg, 0.82 mmol) was added and the reaction was heated to r.t. After 2h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford tris(3-vinylphenyl)bismuthine **1h** as a yellow oil (291 mg, 69%):  $R_f$  0.70 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.60 (dd,  $J$  = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 139.4, 137.2, 137.0, 135.5, 130.7, 125.8, 114.1; IR (neat) 3156, 3084, 3040, 3006, 2984, 2927, 1939, 1821, 1629, 1554, 1467, 1380, 991, 906, 791, 710.

**1, 1', 1''-(Bismuthinetriyltris(benzene-3,1-diyl))triethanone (1i).** A solution of 1, 1', 1''-(bismuthinetriyltris(benzene-3,1-diyl))triethanol **1e** (50 mg, 0.09 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3 mL) was cooled to  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  (acetone/ice bath) and pyridine (46  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.59 mmol) was added. After 5 minutes, Dess-Martin Periodinane (123 mg, 0.28 mmol) was added. After 1h, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (15 mL) and sat. aq.  $\text{NaCl}$  (3 x 15 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 1, 1', 1''-(bismuthinetriyltris(benzene-3,1-diyl))triethanone **1i** as a colorless oil (30 mg, 59%):  $R_f$  0.17 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1H), 7.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  198.4, 142.2, 138.8, 137.1, 131.1, 131.0, 128.3, 26.8; IR (neat) 3051, 3008, 2923, 1678, 1578, 1559, 1356, 1255; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{BiO}_3$ : 566.1295, found 567.1400 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**(3E,3'E,3''E)-4, 4', 4''-(Bismuthinetriyltris(benzene-3,1-diyl))tris(but-3-en-2-one) (1j).** To a solution of tris(3-vinylphenyl)bismuthine **1h** (50 mg, 0.097 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

(20 mL), Grubbs II catalyst **31** (16 mg, 0.019 mmol) and but-3-en-2-one **30** (43 mg, 0.32 mmol) were added. The solution was heated to 40°C and after 2h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford (3*E*,3'*E*,3''*E*)-4, 4', 4''-(bismuthinetriyltris(benzene-3,1-diyl))tris(but-3-en-2-one) **1** as a colorless oil (43 mg, 69%): *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.63 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

**4. General procedures for the arylation reactions.** Compounds **3**, **5**, **7**, **9**, **11** and **13** were prepared according to the following procedure: In a sealed tube, the starting bromide, chloride or iodide (1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (4.0 mL). Potassium phosphate (2.0 equiv.) was added, followed by tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (0.05 equiv.), lithium chloride (2.0 equiv.) and triarylbi-muth reagent (0.4 equiv.). Argon was bubbled in the reaction mixture for 1 minute. The tube was sealed and heated at 80°C for 6h. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., diluted with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x 20 mL), sat. aq. NaCl (2 x 20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using hexanes/ethyl acetate as the eluent to afford the corresponding product.

**3'-(1-Hydroxyethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde (33).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.27 mmol scale starting from 4-bromobenzaldehyde **32**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (25% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **33** as a yellow oil (44 mg, 72%): *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.53 (dt, *J* = 7.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 2H), 4.98 (q, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s(br), 1H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.1, 147.2, 146.8, 139.9, 135.3, 130.3, 129.2, 127.8, 126.5, 125.6, 124.5, 70.3, 25.4; IR (neat) 3422, 3059, 3032, 2971, 2923, 2836, 2731, 1689, 1603, 1170, 1077, 794; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 226.0994, found 227.1068 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**(*E*)-Ethyl 3-(4'-(2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)ethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)acrylate (3a).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.17 mmol scale starting from *tert*-butyl 4-bromophenethylcarbamate **2a**. The crude material was purified on silica gel

(15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **3a** as a colorless oil (60 mg, 89%):  $R_f$  0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s(br), 1H), 4.27 (q,  $J$  = 14.3 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (q,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.9, 155.9, 144.3, 141.2, 138.0, 135.2, 131.7, 130.6, 129.5, 128.9, 127.3, 126.8, 120.3, 118.9, 79.4, 60.6, 41.6, 35.7, 28.4, 14.4; IR (neat) 3437, 3363, 2977, 2931, 1703, 1637, 1508, 1488, 1365, 1163, 1036, 789.

**(E)-Ethyl 3'-(3-oxobut-1-en-1-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (3b).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.19 mmol scale starting from ethyl 4-iodobenzoate **2b**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **3b** as a yellow solid (23 mg, 43%):  $R_f$  0.35 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  198.3, 166.9, 144.8, 142.9, 140.9, 135.2, 130.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 52.2, 27.7; IR (neat) 3031, 2993, 2943, 2850, 1720, 1669, 1435, 1282, 1191, 1112, 767; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ : 280.1099, found 281.1173 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**5-(3-(1-Hydroxyethyl)phenyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (5a).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 5-iodofuran-2-carbaldehyde **4a**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (30% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **5a** as a yellow oil (41 mg, 83%):  $R_f$  0.16 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.61 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (q,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s(br), 1H), 1.51 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  177.4, 159.5, 151.9, 146.9, 129.2, 129.1, 126.9, 124.4, 123.8, 122.3, 107.9, 70.0, 25.4; IR (neat) 3416, 3103, 2972, 2916, 2871, 2821, 1663, 1516, 1265, 1071, 1028, 792; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3$ : 216.0786, found 217.0867 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**2-(3-(Diethoxymethyl)phenyl)thiophene (5b).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.30 mmol scale starting from 2-bromothiophene **4b**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **5b** as a colorless oil (29 mg, 37%):  $R_f$  0.66 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (s, 1H), 7.57 (dt,  $J$  = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd,  $J$  = 3.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.08 (q,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 3.71-3.52 (m, 4H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$



192.1, 142.7, 136.9, 135.4, 131.6, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.2, 126.6, 125.8, 124.1; IR (neat) 3114, 3068, 2924, 2825, 2719, 1599, 1582, 1269, 1162, 791, 700.

**3-(3-(Diethoxymethyl)phenyl)thiophene (5c).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.30 mmol scale starting from 3-bromothiophene **4c**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **5c** as a colorless oil (22 mg, 28%):  $R_f$  0.79 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 4H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.71-3.52 (m, 4H), 1.29-1.22 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.3, 139.8, 135.8, 128.7, 126.5, 126.2, 125.6, 124.7, 120.5, 119.8, 101.6, 61.2, 15.3; IR (neat) 3102, 2973, 2927, 2879, 1701, 1612, 1442, 1333, 1176, 1051, 772; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{OS}$ : 216.0609, found 217.0688 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**6-(3-Formylphenyl)nicotinaldehyde (7a).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.35 mmol scale starting from 6-chloronicotinaldehyde **6a**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **7a** as a white solid (27 mg, 37%):  $R_f$  0.29 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.15 (s, 1H), 10.12 (s, 1H), 9.15 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.37 (dt,  $J = 7.8, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.00-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.68 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.9, 190.3, 160.6, 152.4, 138.9, 137.1, 136.9, 133.3, 131.2, 130.4, 129.8, 128.8, 120.8; IR (neat) 3053, 2852, 2745, 1689, 1587, 1359, 1212, 1183, 1166, 835, 795, 740; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2$ : 211.0633, found 212.0708 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**5-Methyl-2-(3-vinylphenyl)pyrimidine (9a).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.34 mmol scale starting from 2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidine **8a**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **9a** as a yellow oil (14 mg, 21%):  $R_f$  0.60 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.65 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.48 (t,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dt,  $J = 7.7, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dt,  $J = 7.7, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd,  $J = 17.6, 10.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.3, 164.2, 156.2, 138.1, 137.9, 136.7, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 126.2, 118.7, 114.3, 24.5; IR (neat) 3061, 3038, 2954, 2928, 1692, 1572, 1555, 1431, 1384, 912, 789; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$ : 196.1000, found 197.1080 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**2-(4-(6-(Dimethylamino)pyrazin-2-yl)phenyl)propan-2-ol (11a).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.32 mmol scale starting from 6-chloro-*N,N*-dimethylpyrazin-

2-amine **10a**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **11a** as a yellow solid (34 mg, 41%):  $R_f$  0.08 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.17 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s(br), 1H), 1.61 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.3, 150.4, 149.1, 135.9, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 124.9, 72.5, 37.5, 31.8; IR (neat) 3371, 3059, 2971, 2923, 2869, 1583, 1566, 1527, 1425, 1402, 1186, 1151, 996, 831; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ : 257.1528, found 258.1603 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**1-(3-(6-Phenylpyridazin-3-yl)phenyl)ethanone (13a)**. The general procedure was followed on a 0.26 mmol scale starting from 3-chloro-6-phenylpyridazine **12a**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **13a** as a yellow solid (18 mg, 25%):  $R_f$  0.25 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.75 (t,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 8.09 (dt,  $J = 7.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.99 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 3H), 2.71 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.9, 158.0, 156.7, 137.8, 136.6, 135.8, 131.3, 130.3, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 126.9, 126.8, 124.4, 124.3, 26.9; IR (neat) 3061, 3000, 2932, 1683, 1601, 1585, 1432, 1398, 1358, 1236, 689; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 274.1106, found 275.1191 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

Compounds **39-41** were prepared according to the following procedure: **Method A**: In a sealed tube, the triarylismuthine (1.0 equiv.) was added, followed by copper (II) acetate (0.1 equiv.) and the azole or diazole (1.0 equiv.). The reagents were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (4 mL) and pyridine (1.0 equiv.) was added to the mixture. The reaction tube was purged with dry oxygen for 30 seconds, sealed and heated at 50°C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t., transferred and rinsed with EtOAc in a round bottom flask. Silica gel was added and the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/hexanes as the eluent to give the corresponding product. **Method B**: Idem as method A except for copper (II) acetate (1.0 equiv. instead of 0.1 equiv.) and pyridine (3.0 equiv. instead of 1.0 equiv.).

**1-(4-((Tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde (39a)**. Method B was followed on a 0.17 mmol scale starting from 1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde **36**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **39a** as a yellow solid (43 mg, 79%):  $R_f$  0.52 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.04 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 3.98-3.91 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.07-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.58 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.4, 156.4, 139.6, 132.6, 130.4, 139.9, 128.8, 126.4, 126.1, 122.5, 117.5, 111.1, 104.8, 96.7, 62.2, 30.4, 25.2, 18.7; IR (neat) 3101, 3039, 2943, 2873, 2850, 2715, 1683, 1615, 1509, 1330, 1237, 1201, 1102, 921, 731; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 321.1365, found 322.1430 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**1-(2-Formylphenyl)-1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde (39b).** Method B was followed on a 0.17 mmol scale starting from 1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde **36**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **39b** as a yellow oil (15 mg, 35%):  $R_f$  0.44 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.07 (s, 1H), 9.63 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.91 (dd,  $J$  = 3.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.2, 188.9, 141.4, 140.9, 135.3, 132.2, 131.8, 131.6, 130.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 123.5, 110.8, 105.9; IR (neat) 3106, 3065, 2977, 2920, 2867, 2745, 1687, 1597, 1490, 1331, 1195; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 249.0790, found 250.0873 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**1-(3-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl)-1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde (39c).** Method A was followed on a 0.22 mmol scale starting from 1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde **36**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (30% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **39c** as a yellow oil (34 mg, 62%):  $R_f$  0.15 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.03 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s(br), 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.4, 143.1, 139.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.1, 126.4, 125.7, 123.7, 122.9, 122.8, 111.2, 105.4, 105.3, 64.7; IR (neat) 3411, 3105, 3055, 2920, 2858, 2815, 2727, 1682, 1589, 1493, 1449, 1331, 1223, 1103, 1032, 726, 698; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 251.0946, found 252.1012 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**1-(3-Acetylphenyl)-1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde (39d).** Method B was followed on a 0.17 mmol scale starting from 1H-indole-5-carbaldehyde **36**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (30% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **39d** as a yellow oil (27 mg, 60%):  $R_f$  0.34 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.05 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d,  $J$  = 16.5 Hz,

1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.2, 192.4, 139.4, 139.1, 138.7, 130.3, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 127.3, 126.5, 124.1, 123.1, 111.8, 110.9, 105.9, 26.9; IR (neat) 3103, 3057, 2924, 2825, 2741, 1682, 1599, 1586, 1491, 1445, 1330, 1236, 1105, 769; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ : 263.0946, found 264.1012 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**1-(1-(3-(1-Hydroxyethyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)ethanone (40a).** Method B was followed on a 0.46 mmol scale starting from 1-(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)ethanone **37**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (35% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **40a** as a yellow oil (100 mg, 95%):  $R_f$  0.19 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.28 (q,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.84 (q,  $J = 12.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s(br), 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.45 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  187.5, 147.1, 140.9, 131.5, 131.4, 128.6, 124.9, 124.7, 123.4, 120.9, 109.3, 69.6, 27.2, 25.1; IR (neat) 3409, 3114, 3057, 2973, 2920, 2867, 2243, 1644, 1405, 1084, 940, 793, 738; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ : 229.1103, found 481.2106 ( $2\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ .

**3-Methyl-1-(3-vinylphenyl)-1H-pyrazole (40b).** Method B was followed on a 0.37 mmol scale starting from 3-methyl-1H-pyrazole **37**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **40b** as a yellow oil (40 mg, 59%):  $R_f$  0.53 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dq,  $J = 7.9, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dt,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd,  $J = 17.6, 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dd,  $J = 17.6, 0.75$  Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.6, 139.0, 136.2, 129.5, 127.5, 123.8, 121.4, 118.1, 116.8, 115.1, 107.6, 13.8; IR (neat) 3141, 3118, 3065, 2926, 2863, 1695, 1606, 1585, 1533, 1489, 1454, 1362, 1047, 755; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$ : 184.1000, found 185.1078 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ .

**(E)-Ethyl 3-(3-(3-cyano-2-oxopyridin-1(2H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (41a).** Method B was followed on a 0.093 mmol scale starting from 2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile **38**. The crude product was purified on silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **41a** as a white solid (18 mg, 66%):  $R_f$  0.07 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.91 (dd,  $J = 7.1, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dt,  $J = 7.7, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.38 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q,  $J = 14.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.4, 159.2, 147.9, 142.8, 142.5, 140.0,

136.3, 130.2, 128.9, 127.6, 125.5, 120.4, 115.2, 106.9, 105.7, 60.8, 14.3; IR (neat) 3080; 2977, 2924, 2905, 2228, 1707, 1662, 1542, 1269, 1181; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{14}N_2O_3$ : 294.1004, found 295.1099 ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup>.

Compounds **44** were prepared according to the following procedure: **Method A:** In a sealed tube, the phenol (1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in non-anhydrous solvent grade dichloromethane (3 mL). The organobismuthane (1.0 equiv.) was added followed by copper (II) acetate (1.0 equiv.) and  $Et_3N$  (3.0 equiv.). The tube was sealed and heated at 50°C during 3h. The reaction mixture was cooled to r.t. and silica gel was added. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using the indicated solvent system. The pure fractions were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired pure product. **Method B:** Idem as method A except for  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (0.3 equiv.) under  $O_2$  during 16h.

**Methyl 3-(3-(diethoxymethyl)phenoxy)benzoate (44a).** Method B was followed on a 0.16 mmol scale starting from methyl 3-hydroxybenzoate **43**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **44a** as a colorless oil (32 mg, 61%):  $R_f$  0.62 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79 (dt,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dq,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.69-3.50 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  166.5, 157.4, 156.7, 141.5, 131.9, 129.8, 129.7, 124.3, 123.3, 122.1, 119.5, 118.9, 117.5, 100.9, 61.1, 52.3, 15.5; IR (neat) 3076, 2975, 2929, 2882, 1772, 1725, 1584, 1484, 1441, 1274, 1208, 1097, 1053, 756; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{22}O_5$ : 330.1467, found 353.1369 ( $M+Na$ )<sup>+</sup>.

**(E)-Methyl 3-(3-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)phenoxy)benzoate (44b).** Method B was followed on a 0.16 mmol scale starting from methyl 3-hydroxybenzoate **43**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **44b** as a yellow oil (51 mg, 98%):  $R_f$  0.61 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dt,  $J$  = 8.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q,  $J$  = 14.3 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  166.8, 166.4, 157.4, 156.9, 143.7, 136.5, 132.1, 130.4, 129.9, 124.8, 123.6, 123.5, 120.6, 119.9, 119.2, 117.9, 60.6, 52.3, 14.3; IR (neat) 3065, 2980,



2953, 2901, 1709, 1639, 1575, 1484, 1442, 1269, 1230, 1177, 1097, 1036, 983, 756; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{18}O_5$ : 326.1154, found 327.1224 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**Methyl 3-(3-vinylphenoxy)benzoate (44c).** Method B was followed on a 0.13 mmol scale starting from methyl 3-hydroxybenzoate **43**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **44c** as a yellow oil (27 mg, 82%):  $R_f$  0.74 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.90 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd,  $J$  = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  166.5, 157.4, 156.9, 139.7, 136.2, 131.9, 129.9, 129.8, 124.4, 123.3, 121.8, 119.6, 118.5, 116.7, 114.9, 52.3; IR (neat) 3076, 3008, 2952, 2928, 2844, 1724, 1573, 1485, 1442, 1275, 1250, 1208, 1143, 1098; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{14}O_3$ : 254.0943, found 255.1010 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**Methyl 4-(2-(diethoxymethyl)phenoxy)benzoate (44d).** Method A was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from methyl 3-hydroxybenzoate **43**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **44d** as a colorless oil (38 mg, 50%):  $R_f$  0.73 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.70-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.49 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  166.6, 158.1, 153.7, 131.8, 131.1, 129.8, 129.6, 127.9, 124.3, 123.9, 122.5, 119.6, 118.9, 97.5, 62.3, 52.2, 15.1; IR (neat) 3066, 2975, 2877, 1724, 1580, 1482, 1444, 1271, 1230, 1202, 1052, 994, 905, 754; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{19}H_{22}O_5$ : 330.1467, found 353.1363 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>.

**3-(3-Iodophenoxy)benzaldehyde (47).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 3-iodophenol **45**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **47** as a yellow oil (33 mg, 44%):  $R_f$  0.69 (20% EtOAc/hexanes);  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 7.64 (dt,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dq,  $J$  = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  191.4, 157.7, 157.0, 138.3, 133.2, 131.4, 130.7, 128.3, 125.5, 124.9, 118.6, 118.5, 94.5; IR (neat) 3059, 2923, 2827, 2734, 1697, 1572, 1465, 1450, 1243, 846, 781; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_9IO_2$ : 323.9647, found 324.9714 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**3-(5-Iodo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)benzaldehyde (48).** The general procedure was followed on 0.12 mmol scale starting from 5-iodo-1*H*-indole **46**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **48** as a yellow oil (29 mg, 70%): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.54 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 8.03-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dt, *J* = 7.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.3, 140.2, 137.9, 134.8, 131.9, 131.1, 130.6, 130.2, 129.8, 128.4, 128.3, 124.2, 112.2, 103.8, 84.3; IR (neat) 3106, 3068, 2958, 2920, 2829, 2734, 1698, 1588, 1487, 1459, 1237, 793; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>INO: 346.9807, found 347.9896 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**3'-Hydroxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbaldehyde (49).** The general procedure was followed on a 0.23 mmol scale starting from 3-iodophenol **45**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **49** as a white solid (23 mg, 51%): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.38 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.08 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dq, *J* = 8.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s(br), 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.7, 156.2, 141.8, 141.4, 136.9, 133.2, 130.3, 129.6, 128.9, 128.2, 119.7, 115.1, 114.2; IR (neat) 3363, 3062, 2927, 2831, 2734, 1686, 1599, 1588, 1458, 1308, 1212, 1169, 779, 690; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 198.0681, found 199.0750 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**3-(1*H*-Indol-5-yl)benzaldehyde (50).** The general procedure was followed on 0.21 mmol scale starting from 5-iodo-1*H*-indole **46**. The crude material was purified on silica gel (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **50** as a yellow oil (18 mg, 39%): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.43 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.14-10.13 (m, 1H), 8.34 (s(br), 1H), 8.20-8.17 (m, 1H), 7.97-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.85 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.51 (s, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 6.66 (q, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.8, 143.5, 136.8, 135.6, 133.4, 133.0, 131.8, 129.4, 128.5, 127.7, 125.2, 121.6, 119.4, 111.6, 103.1; IR (neat) 3414, 3396, 3057, 2825, 2738, 1689, 1599, 1578, 1466, 1424, 1316, 1197, 792; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO: 221.0841, found 222.0924 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

## ASSOCIATED CONTENT

### Supporting Information

Copies of  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and IR spectra. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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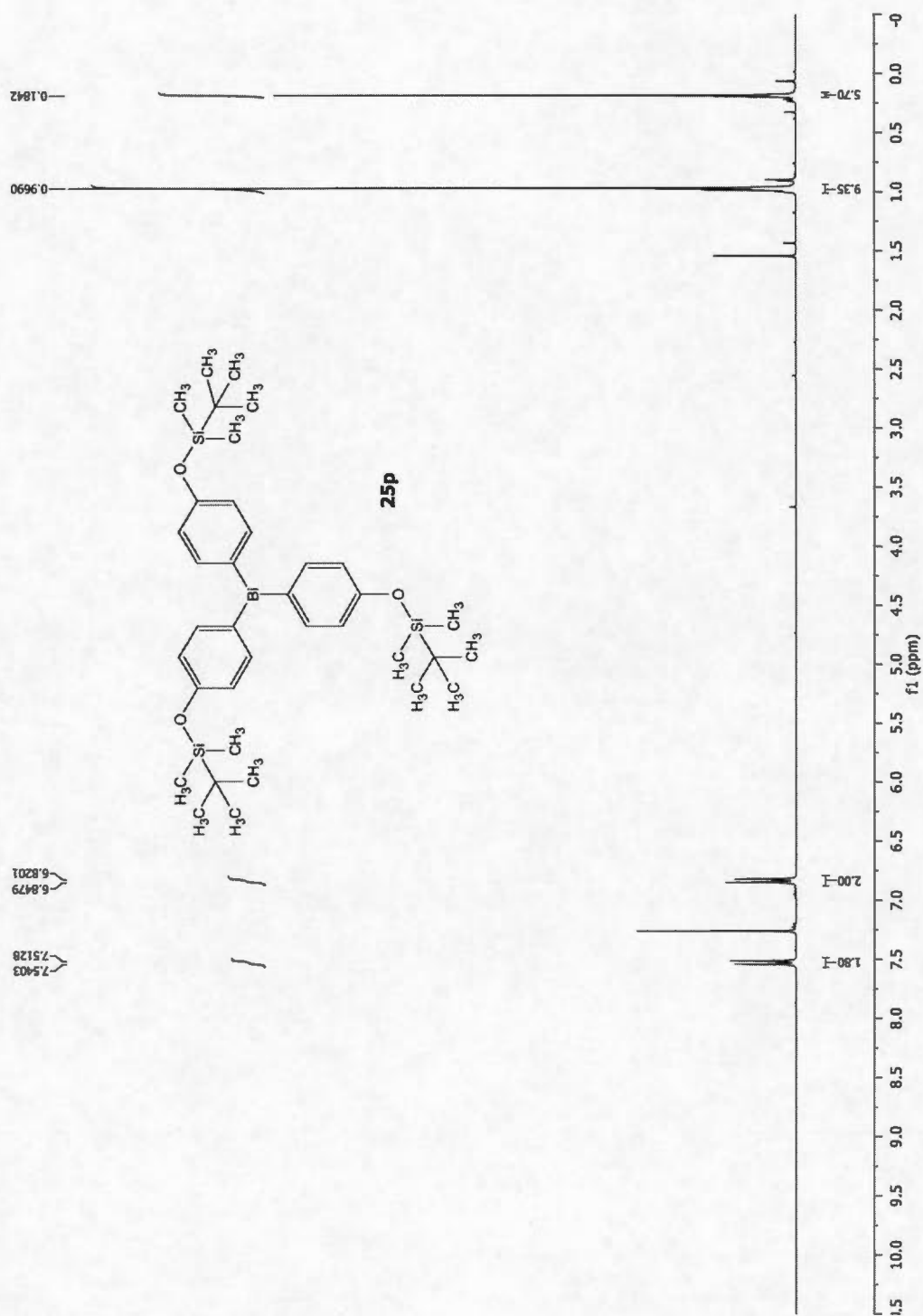
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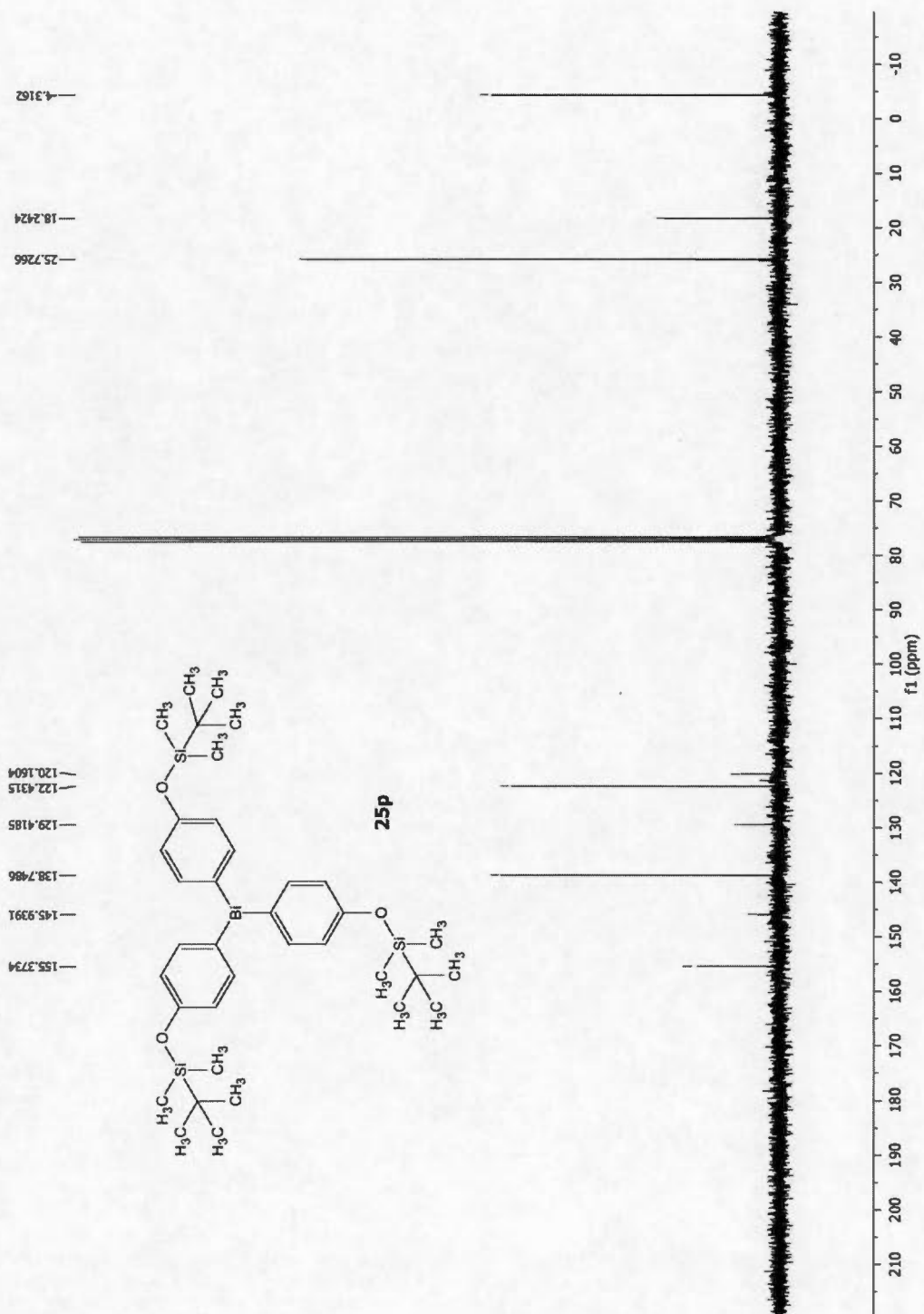
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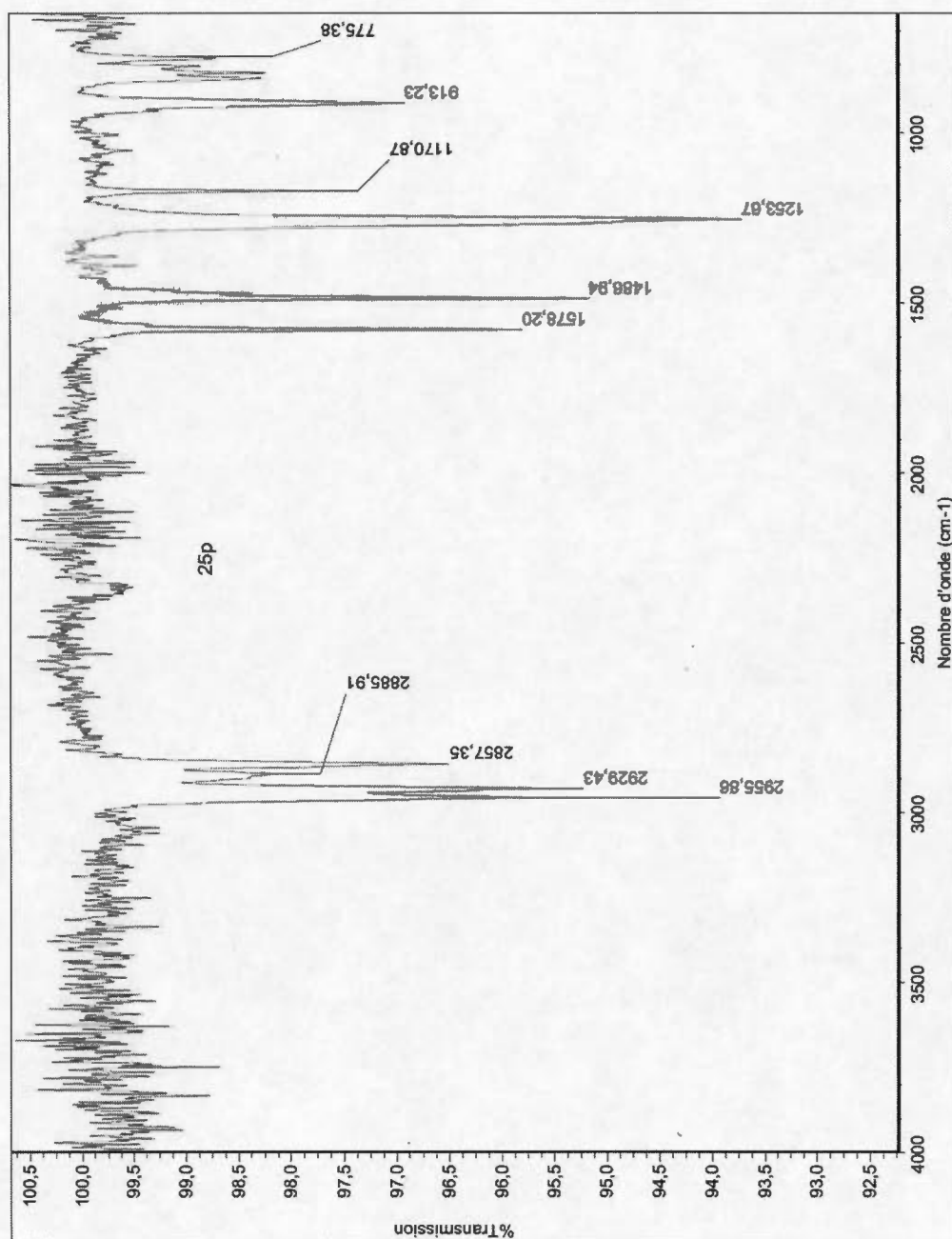
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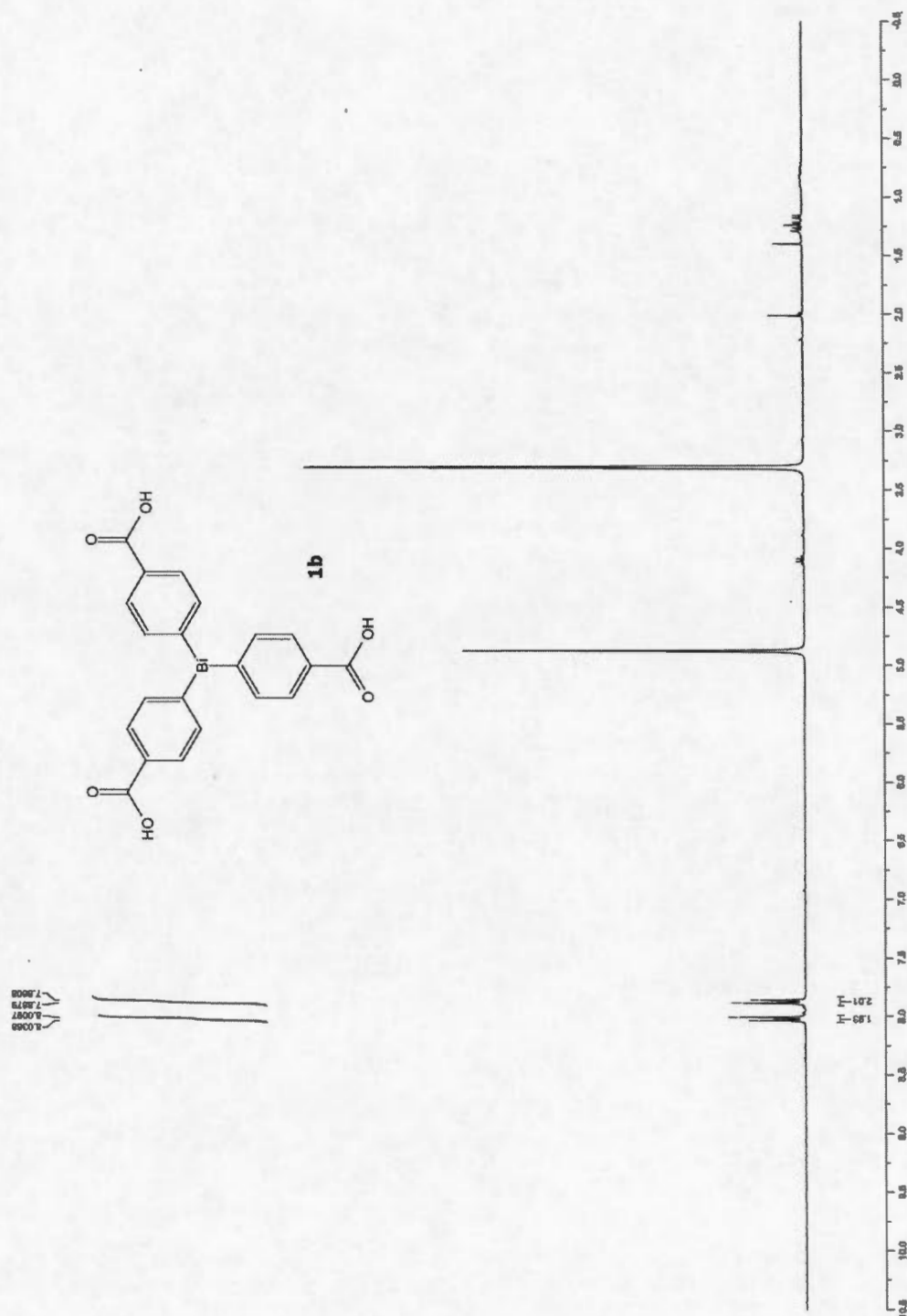
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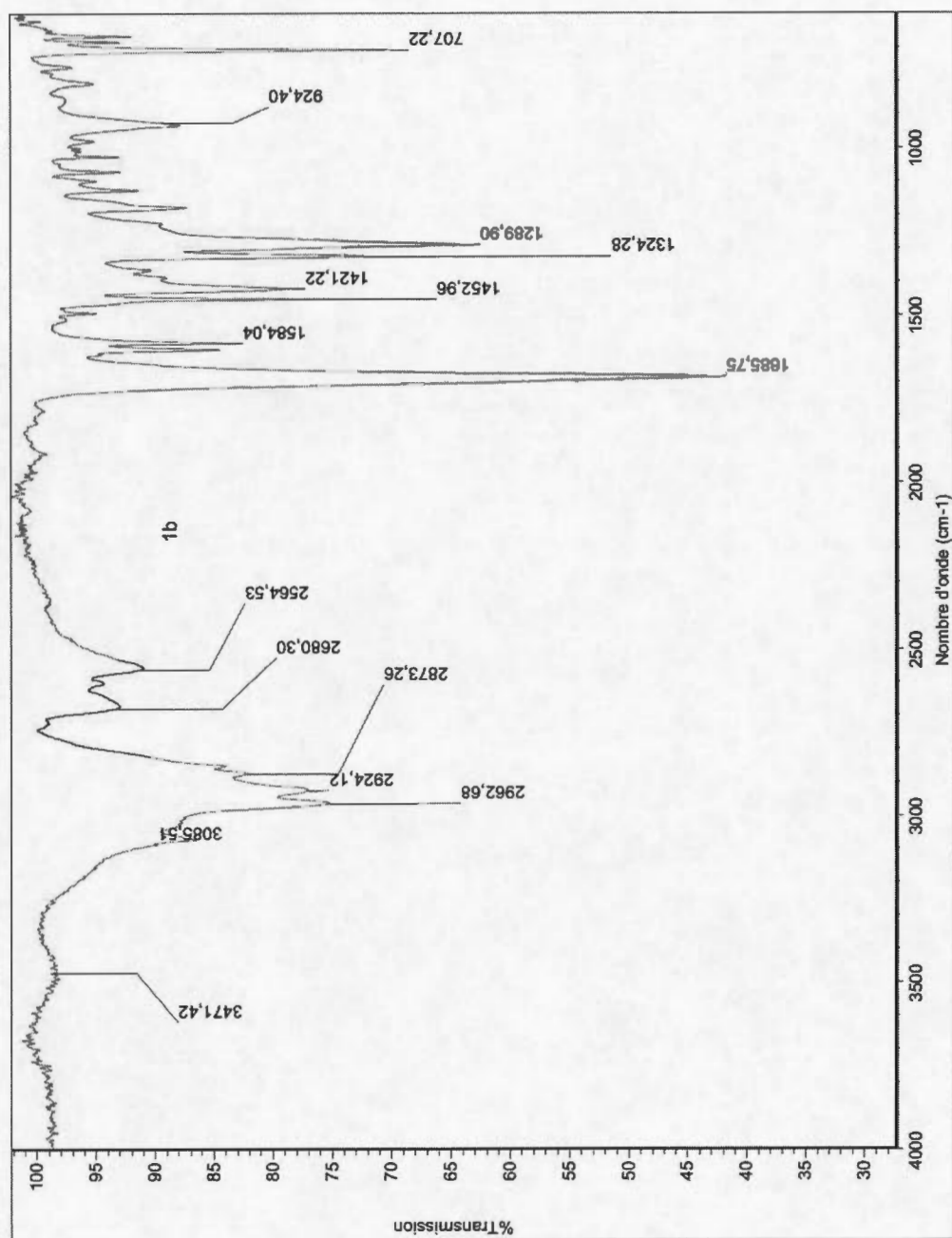




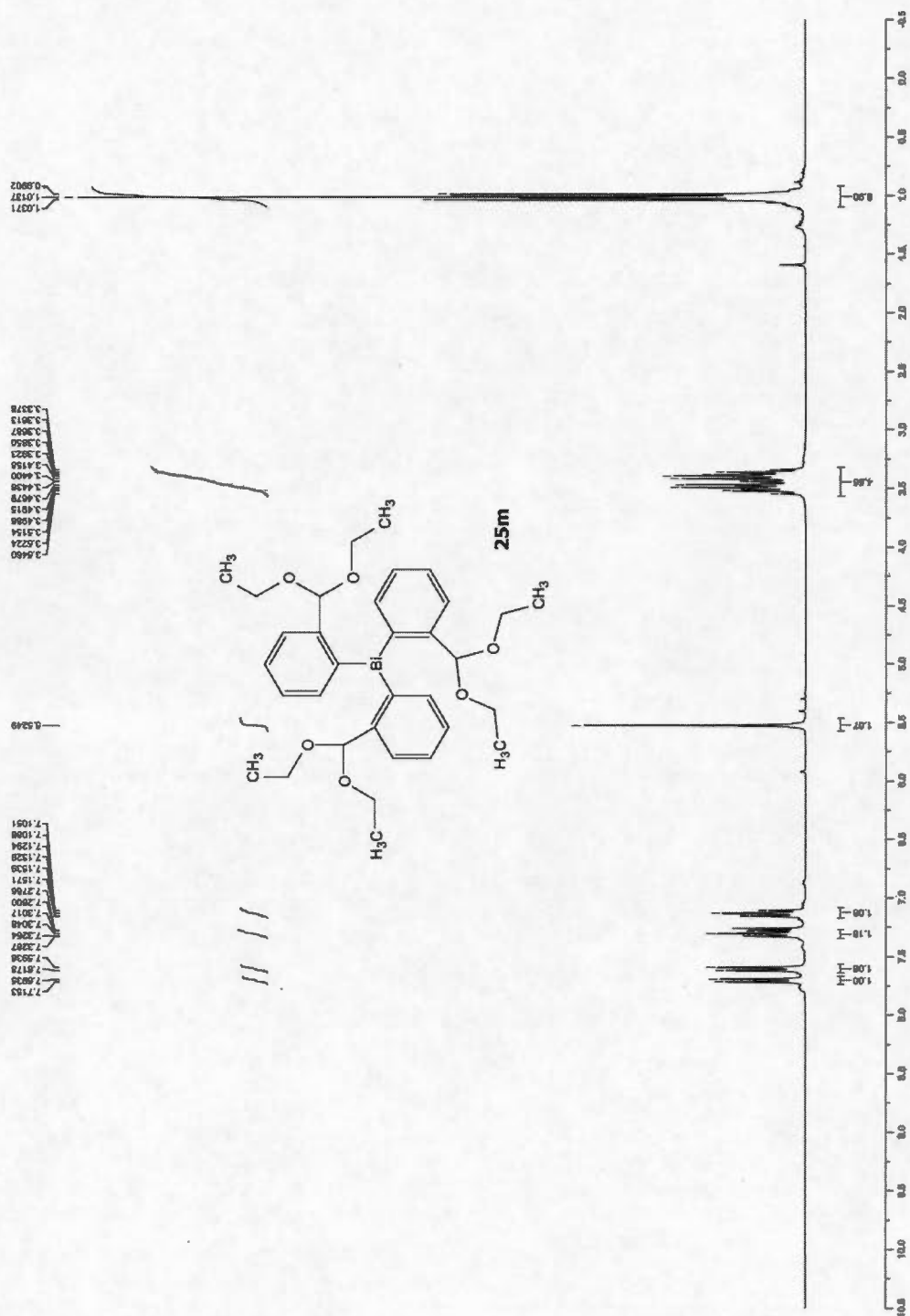


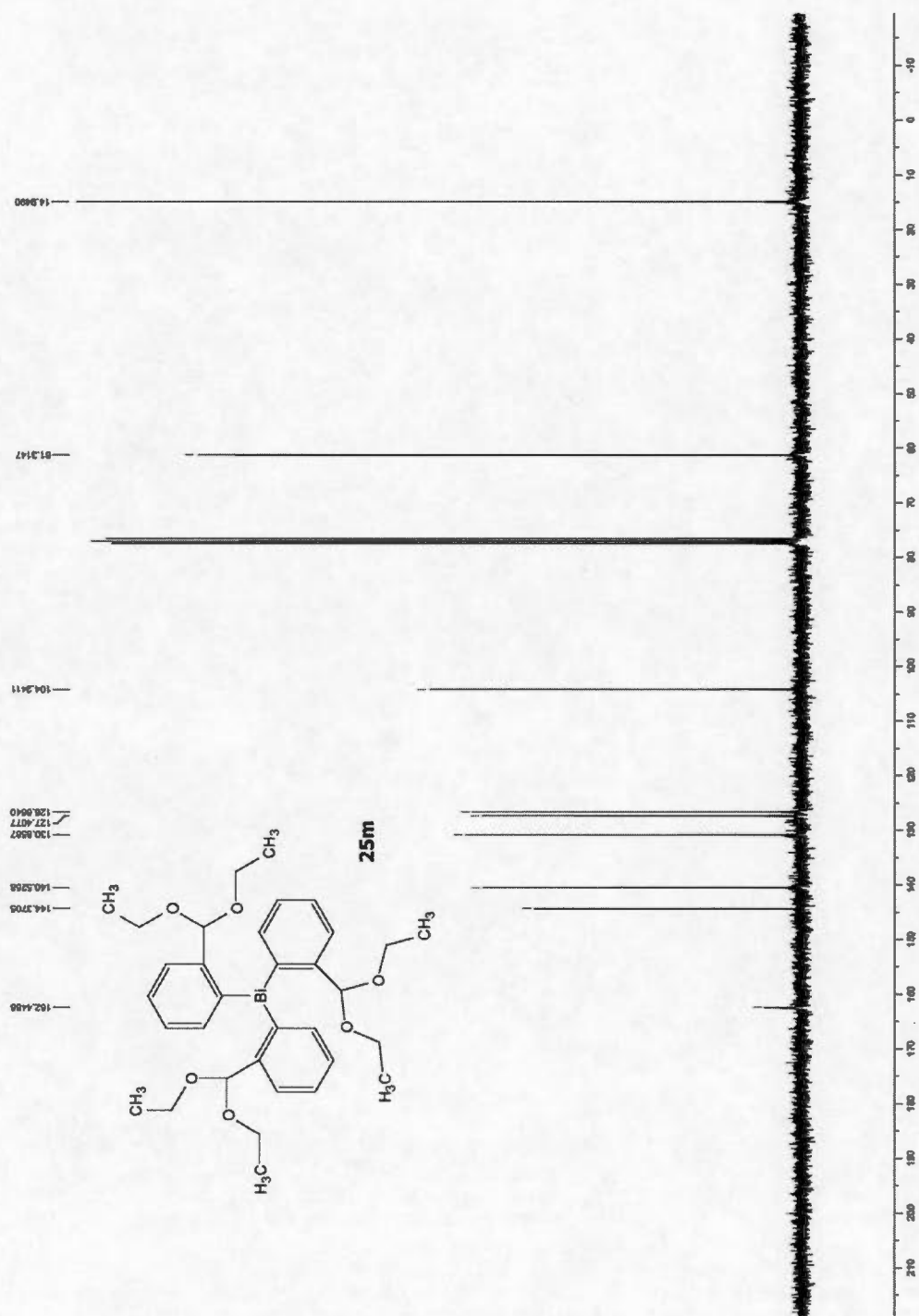


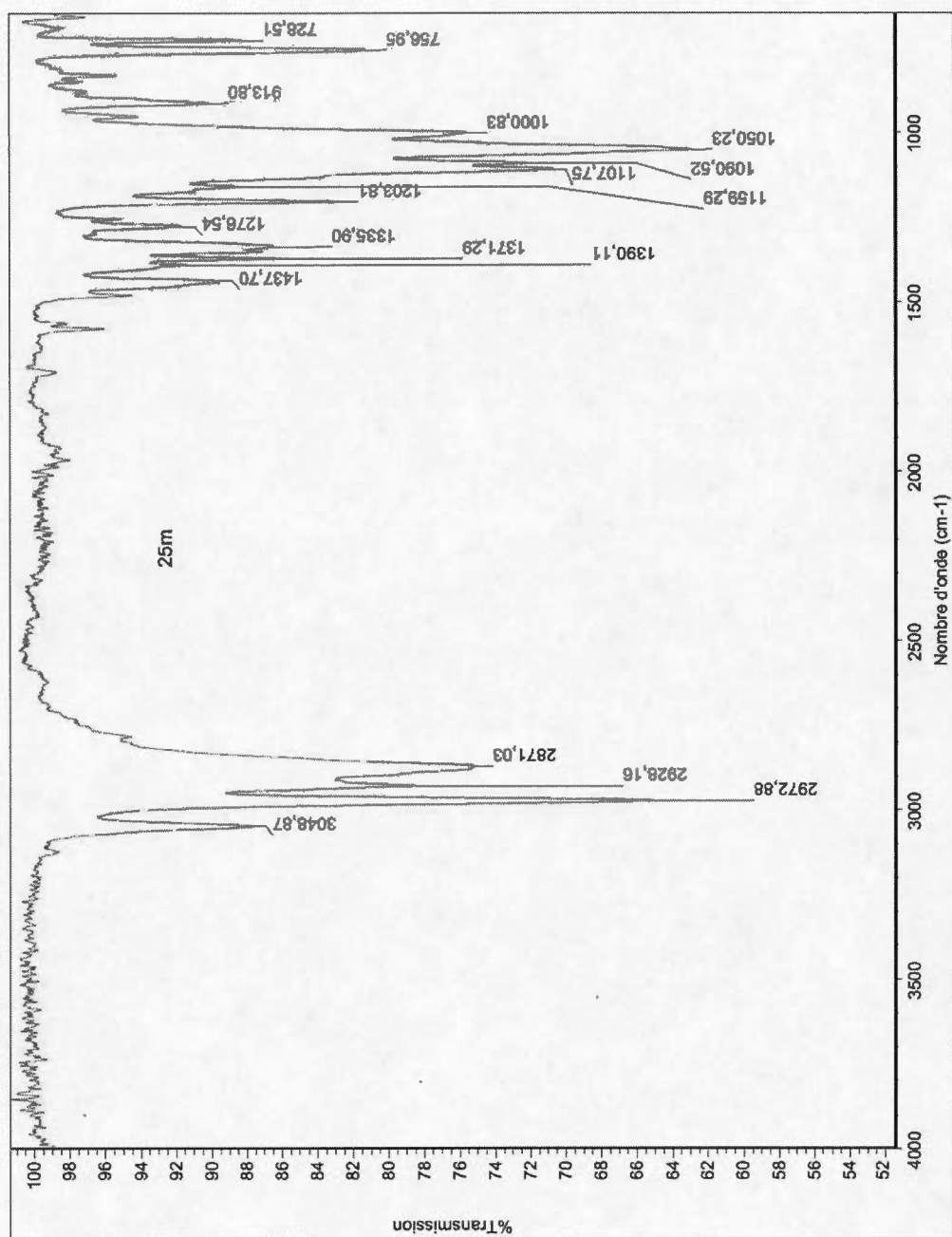


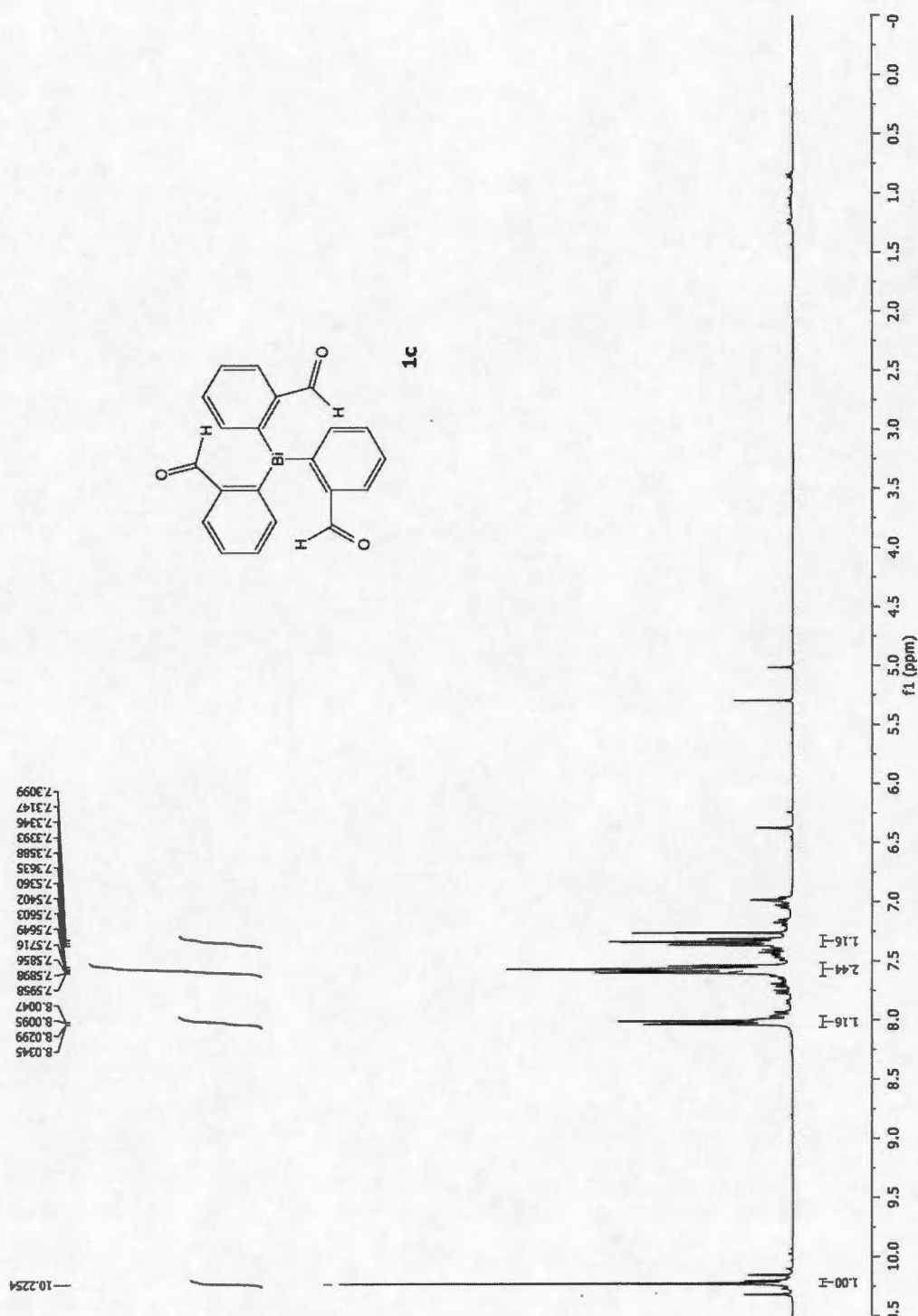


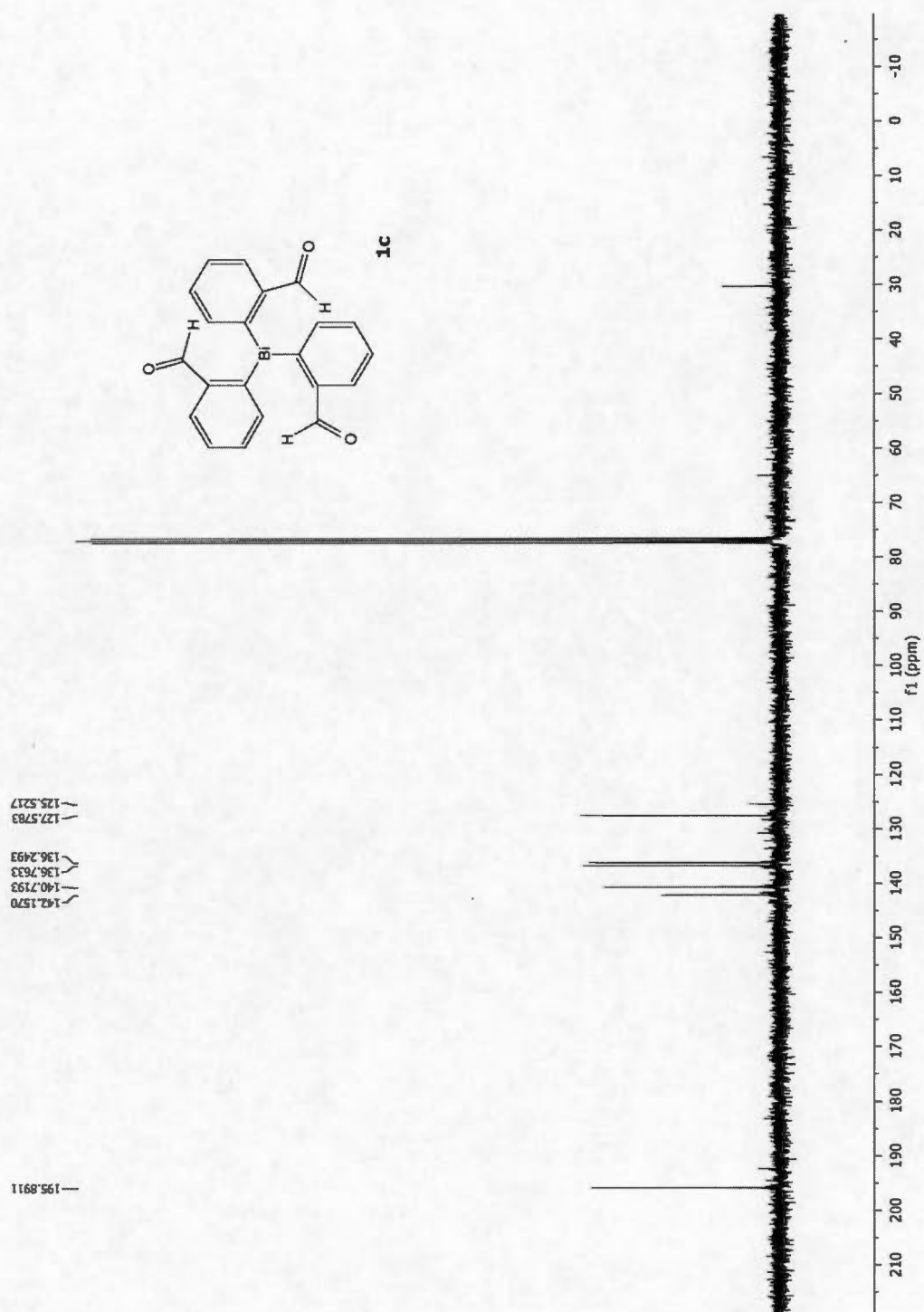


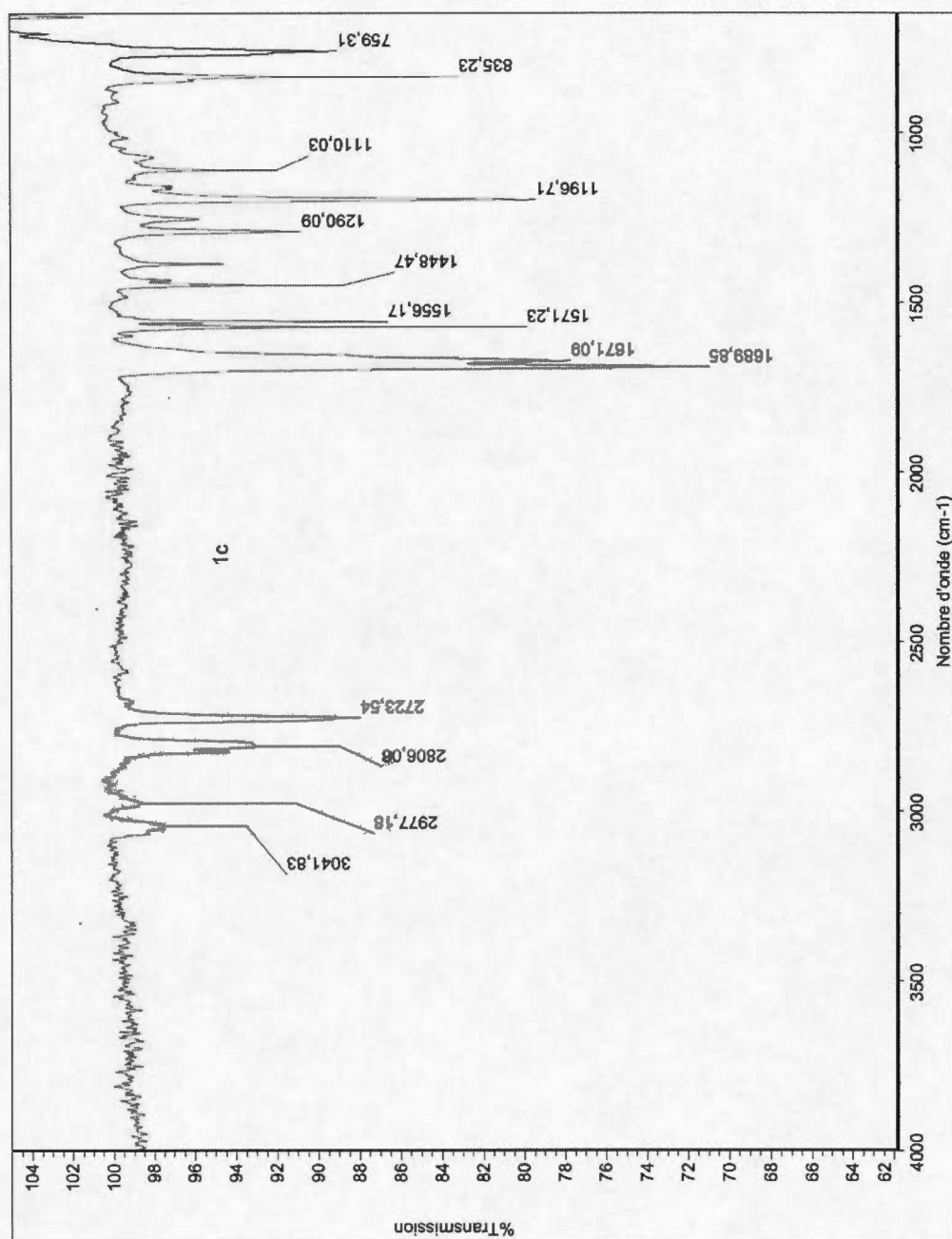


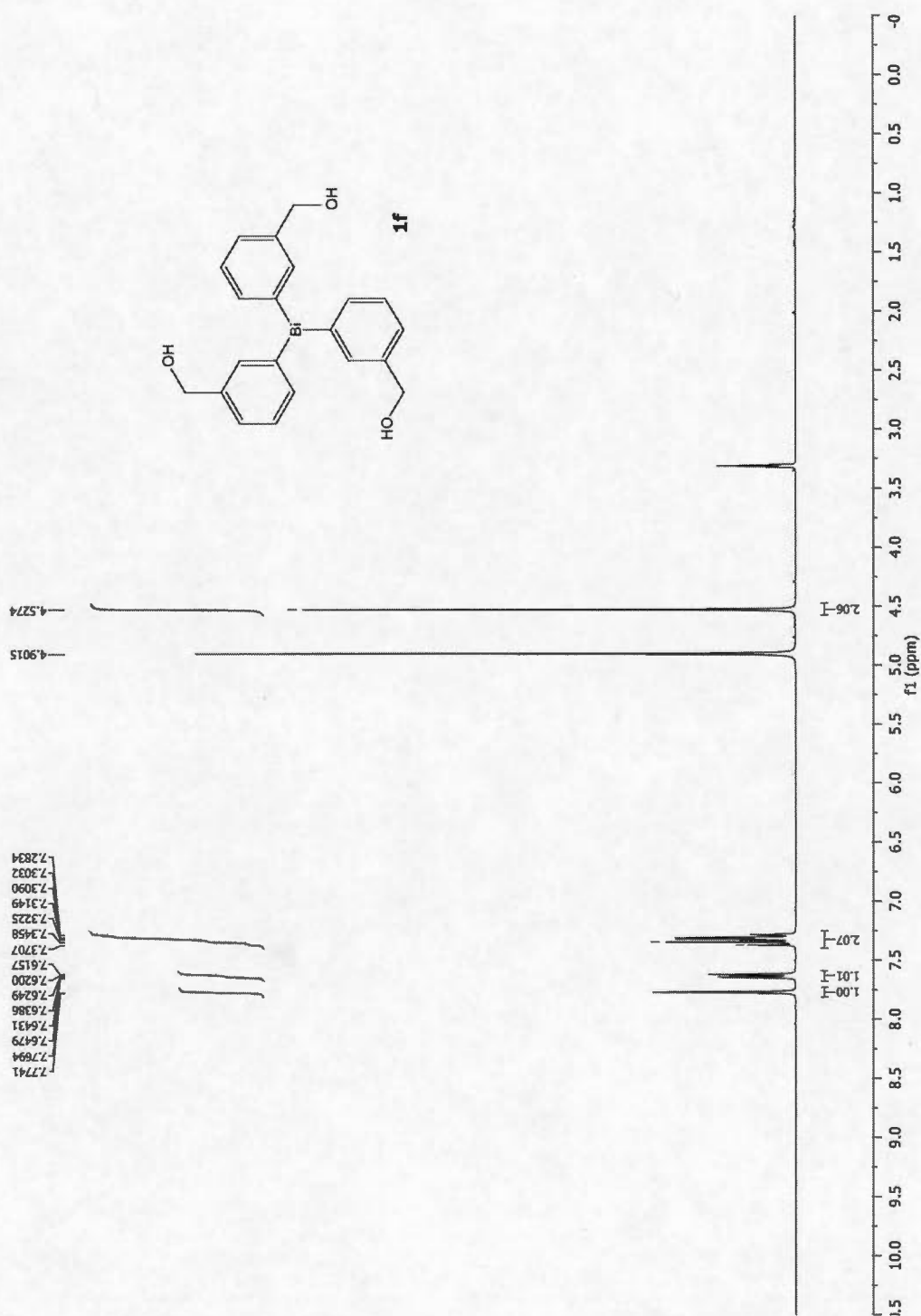


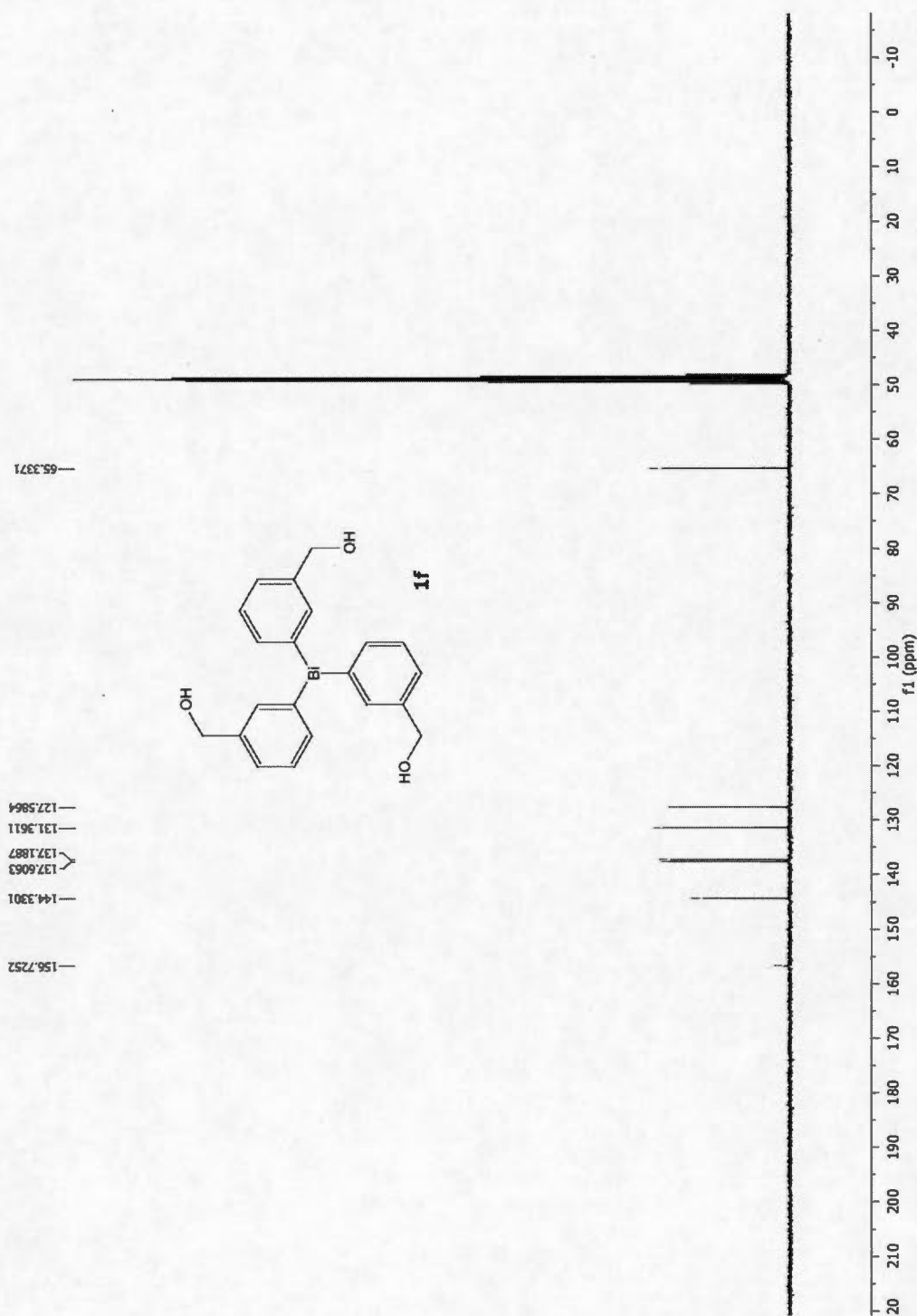




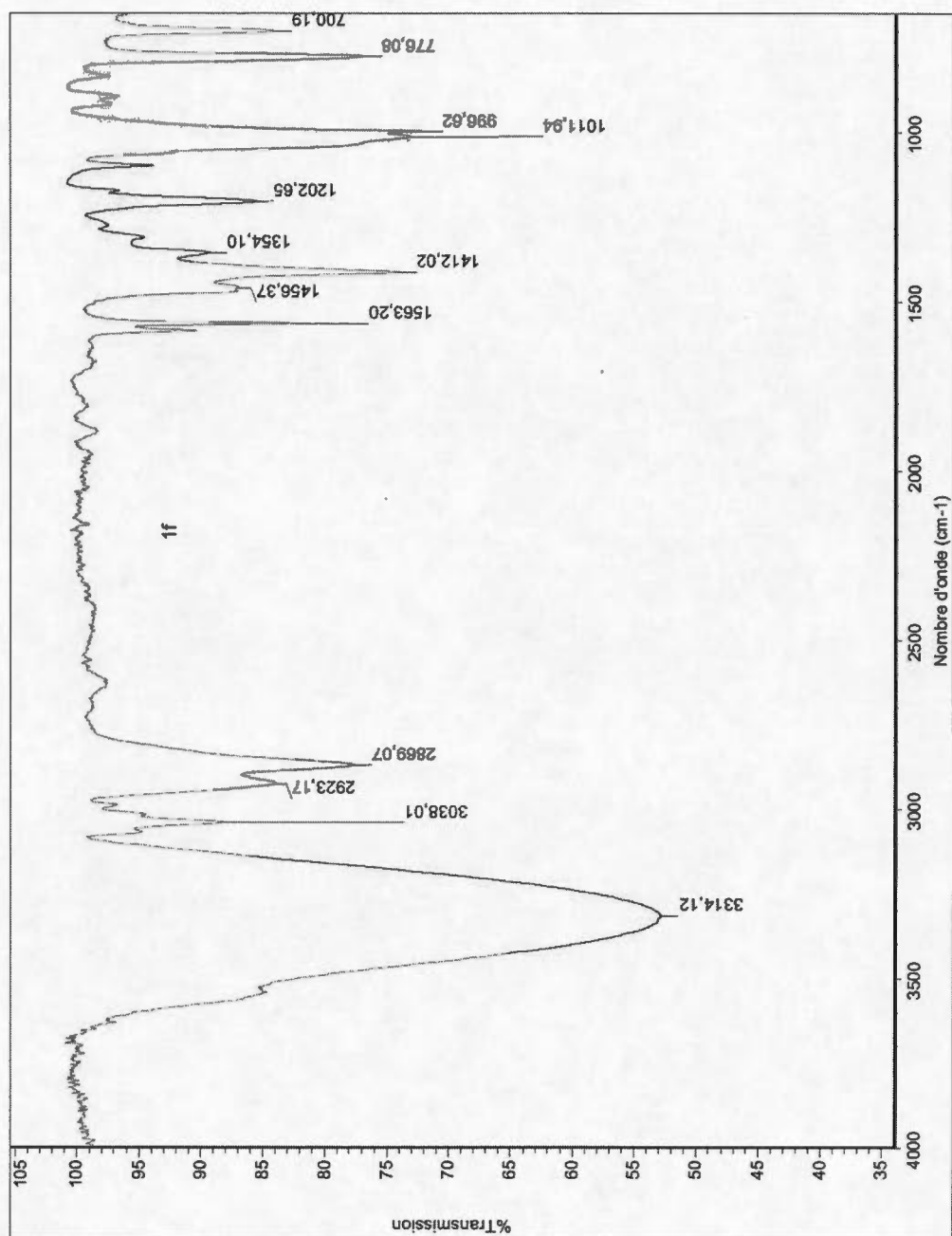


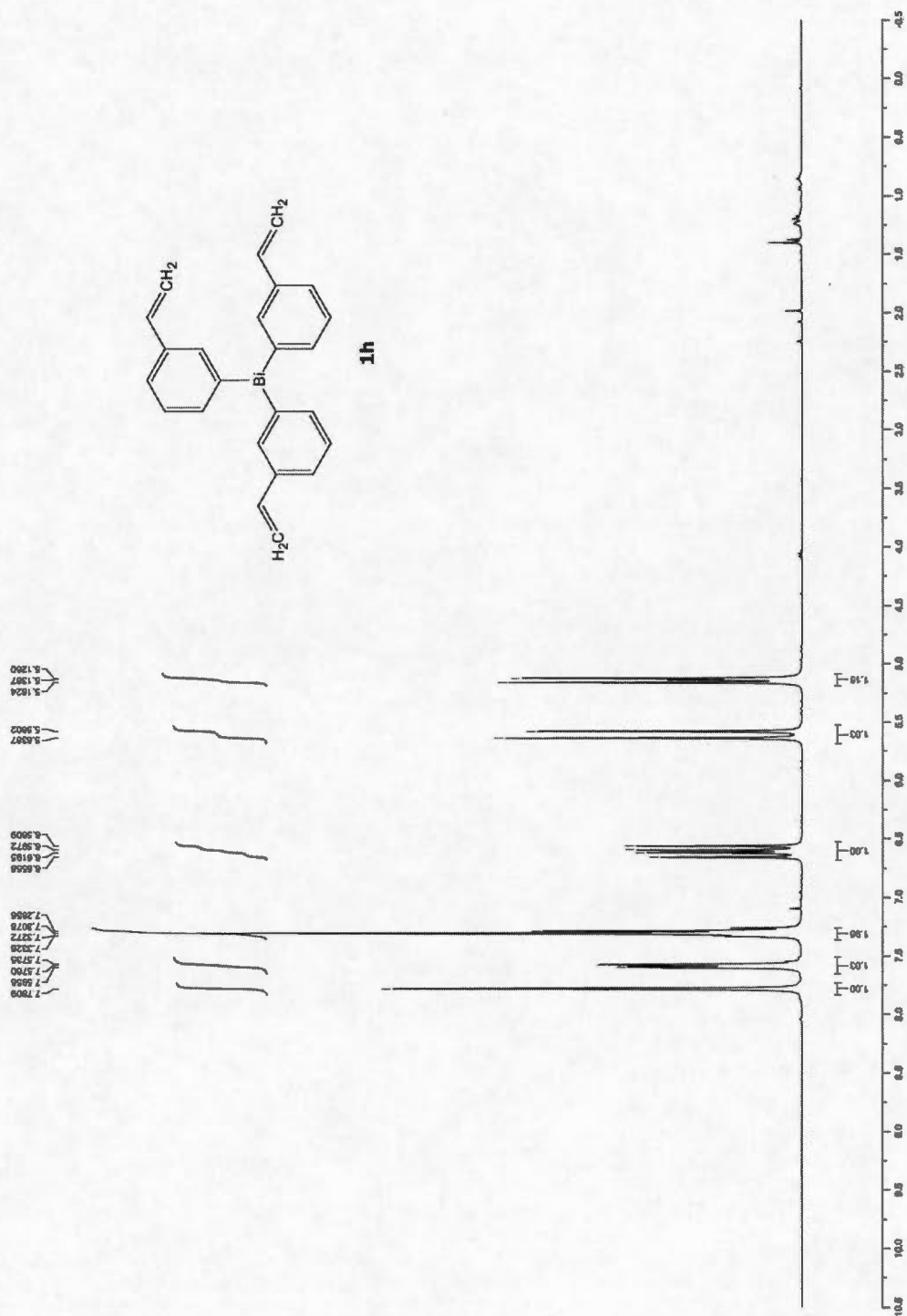


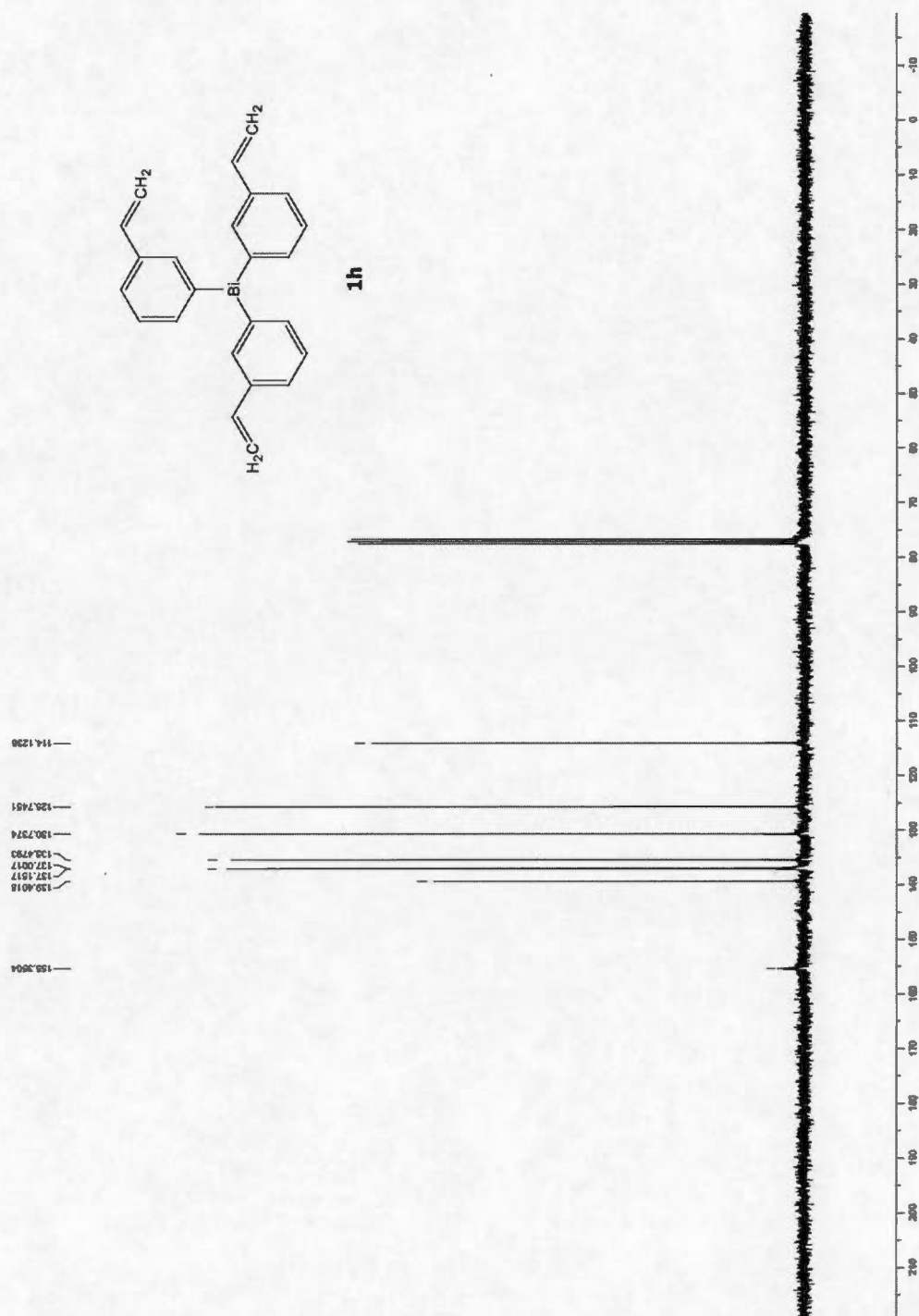


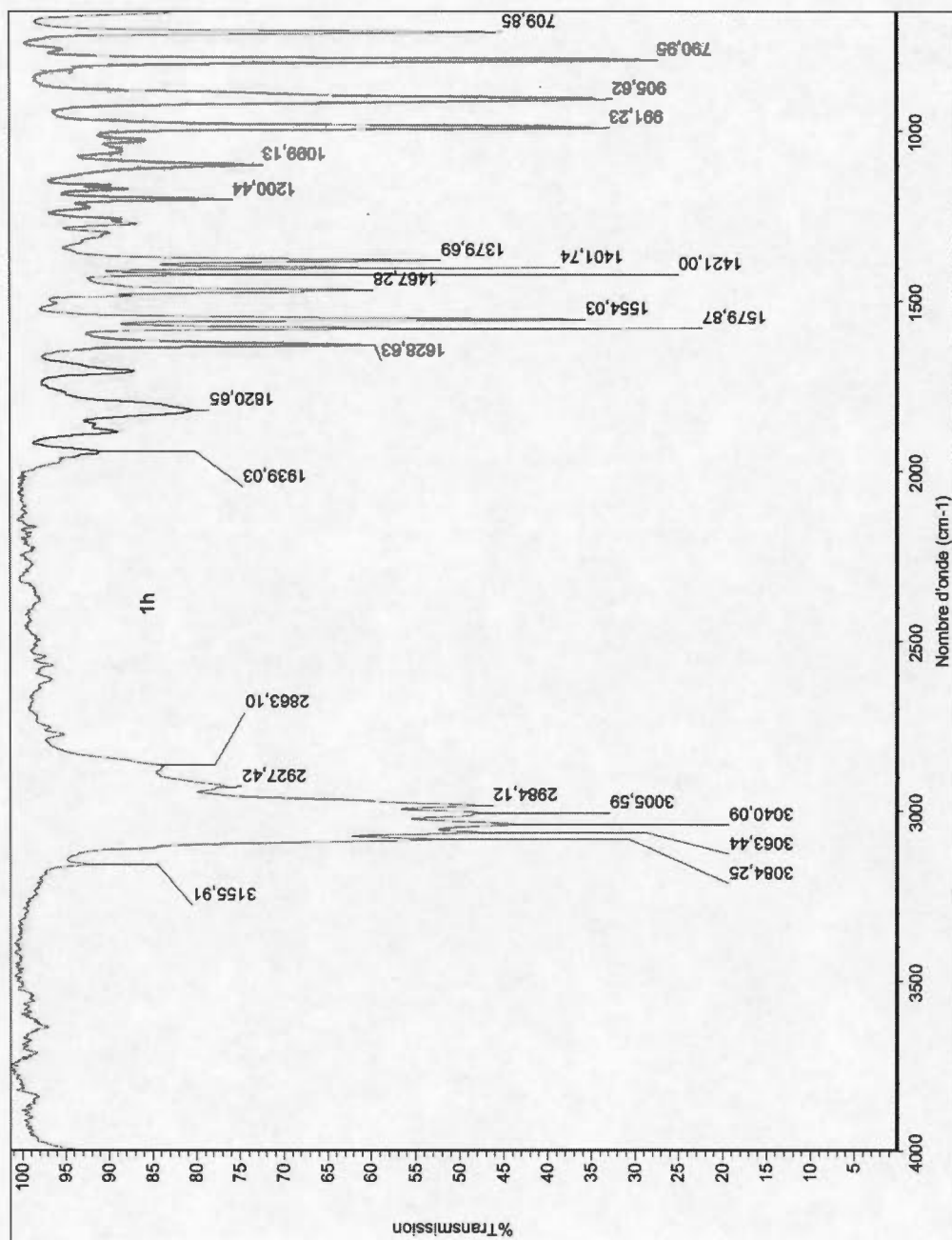


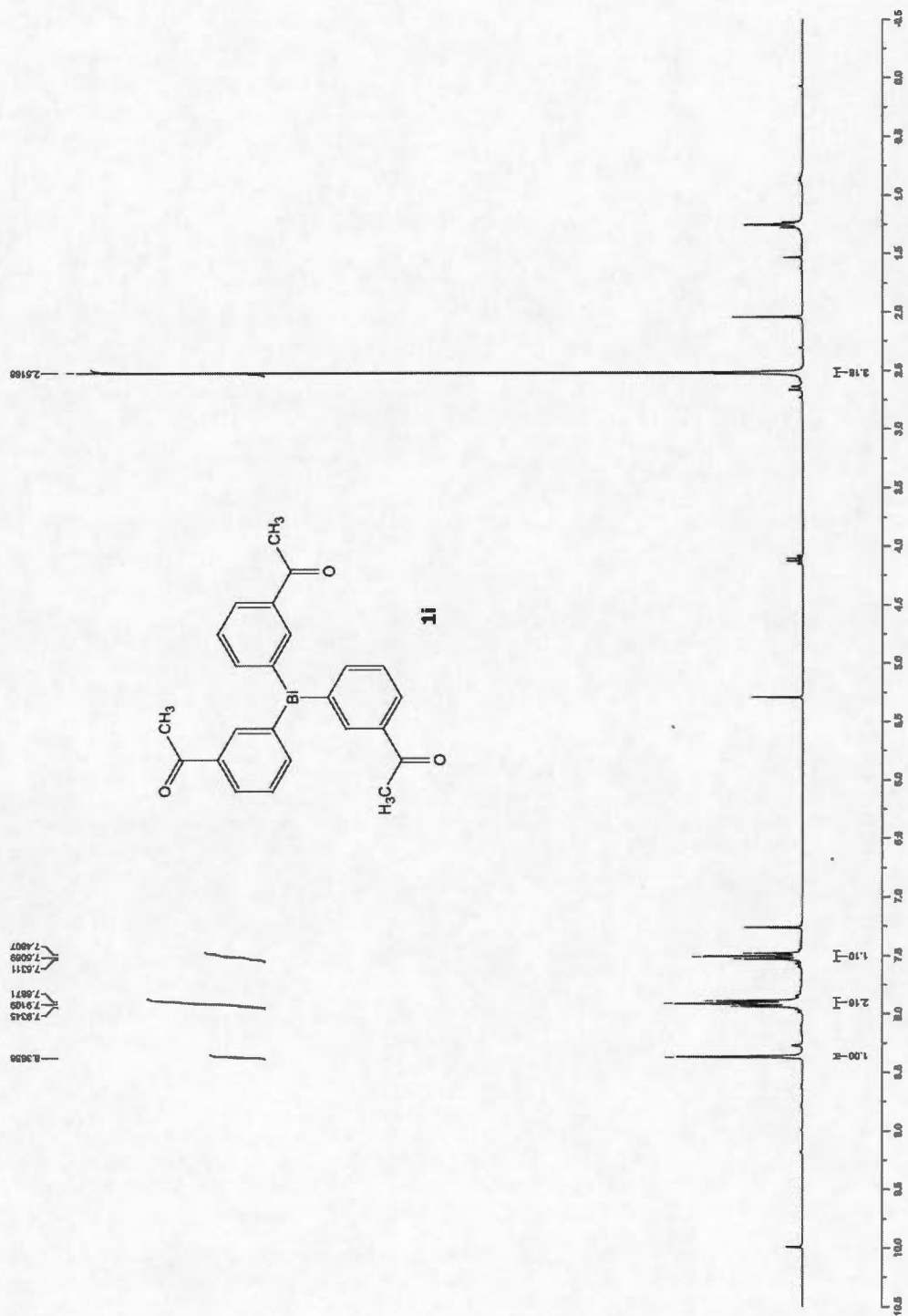


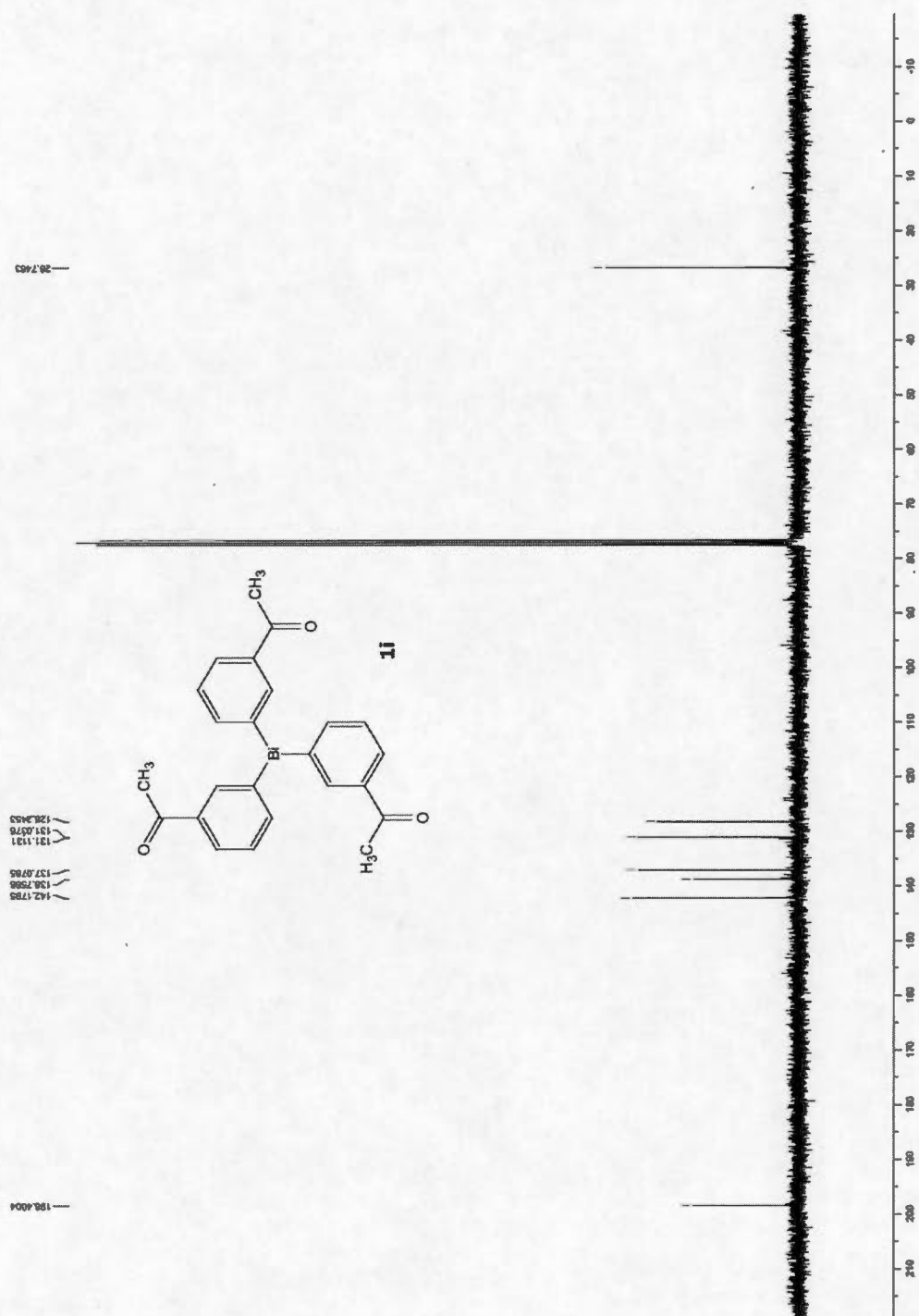


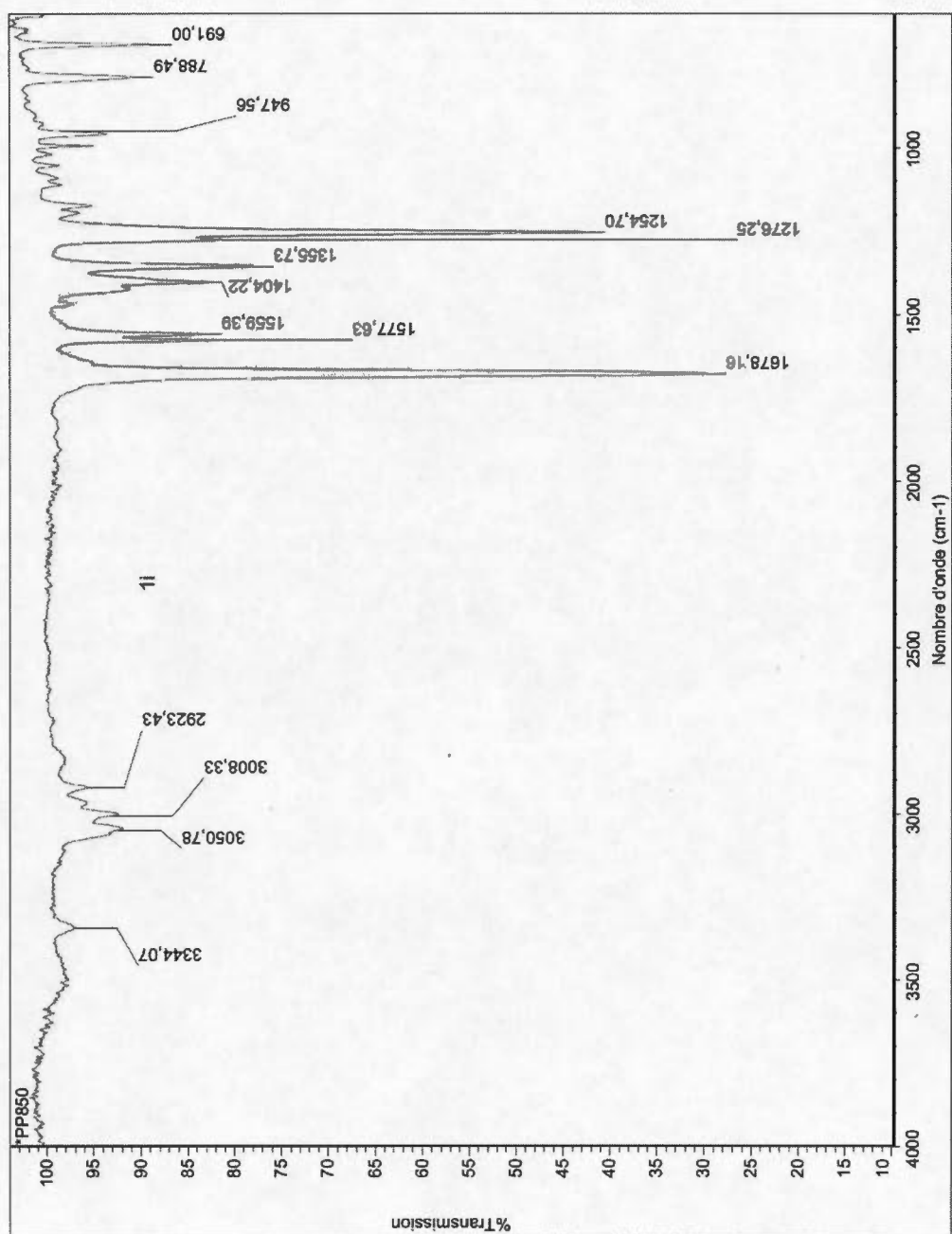


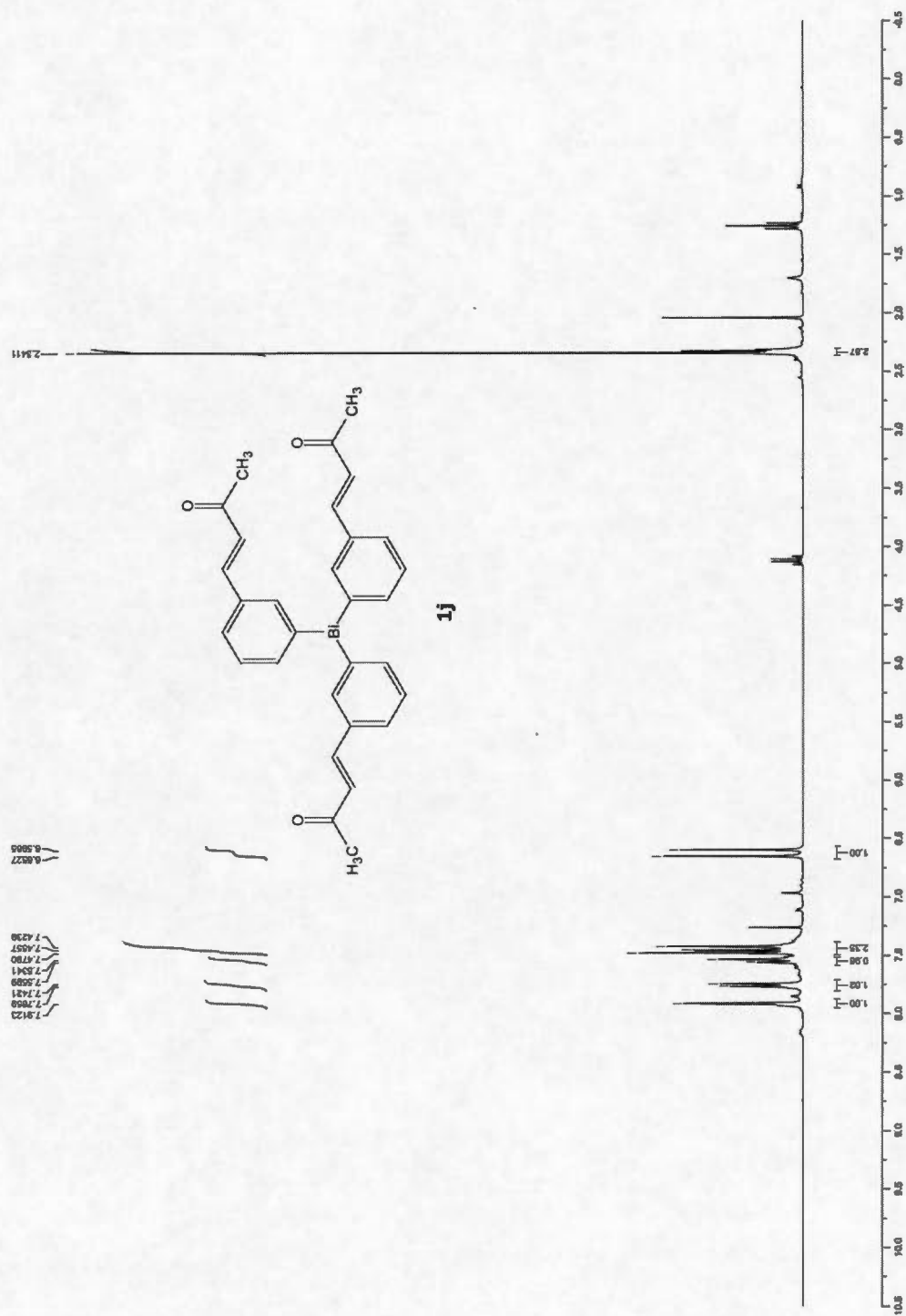




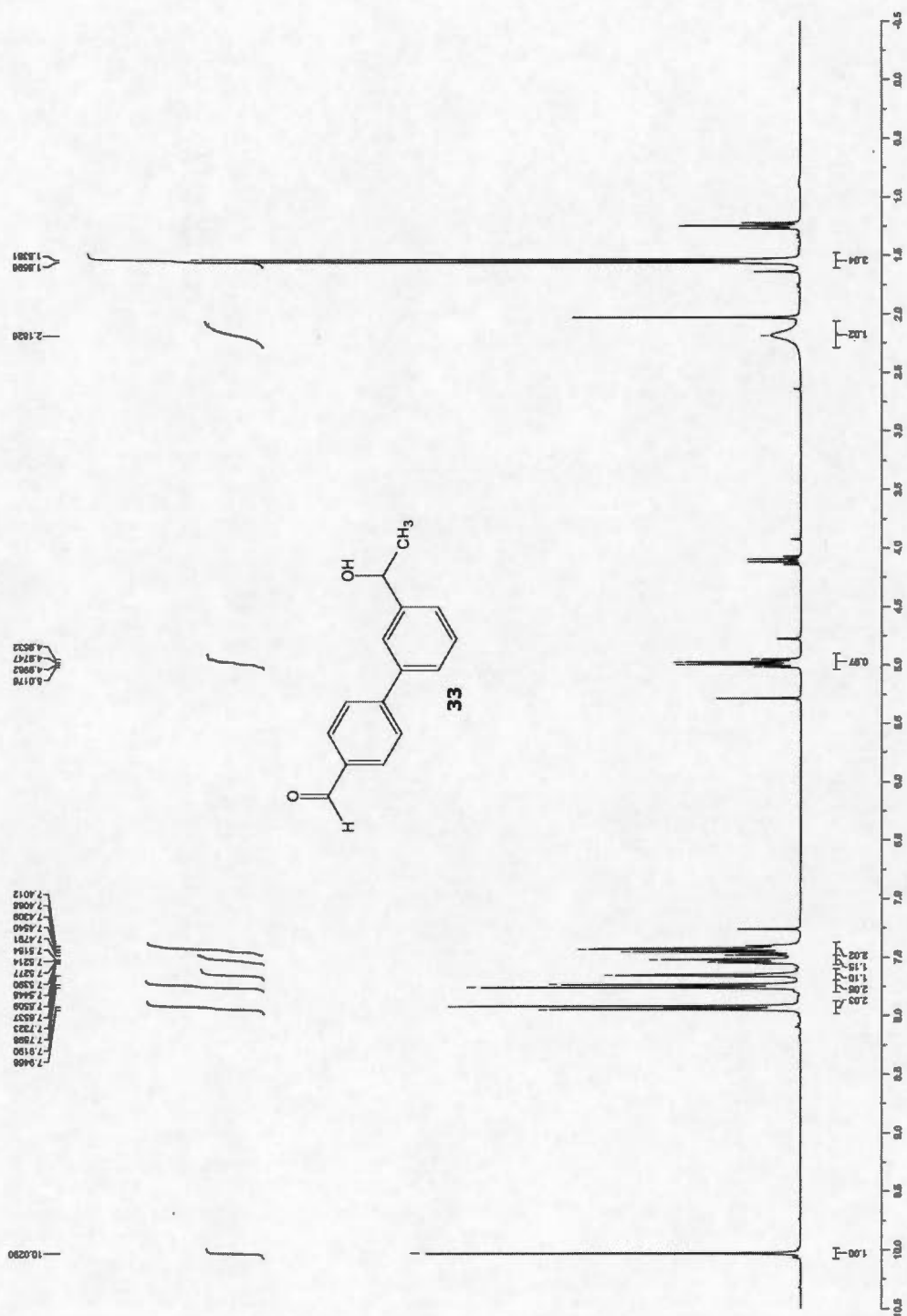


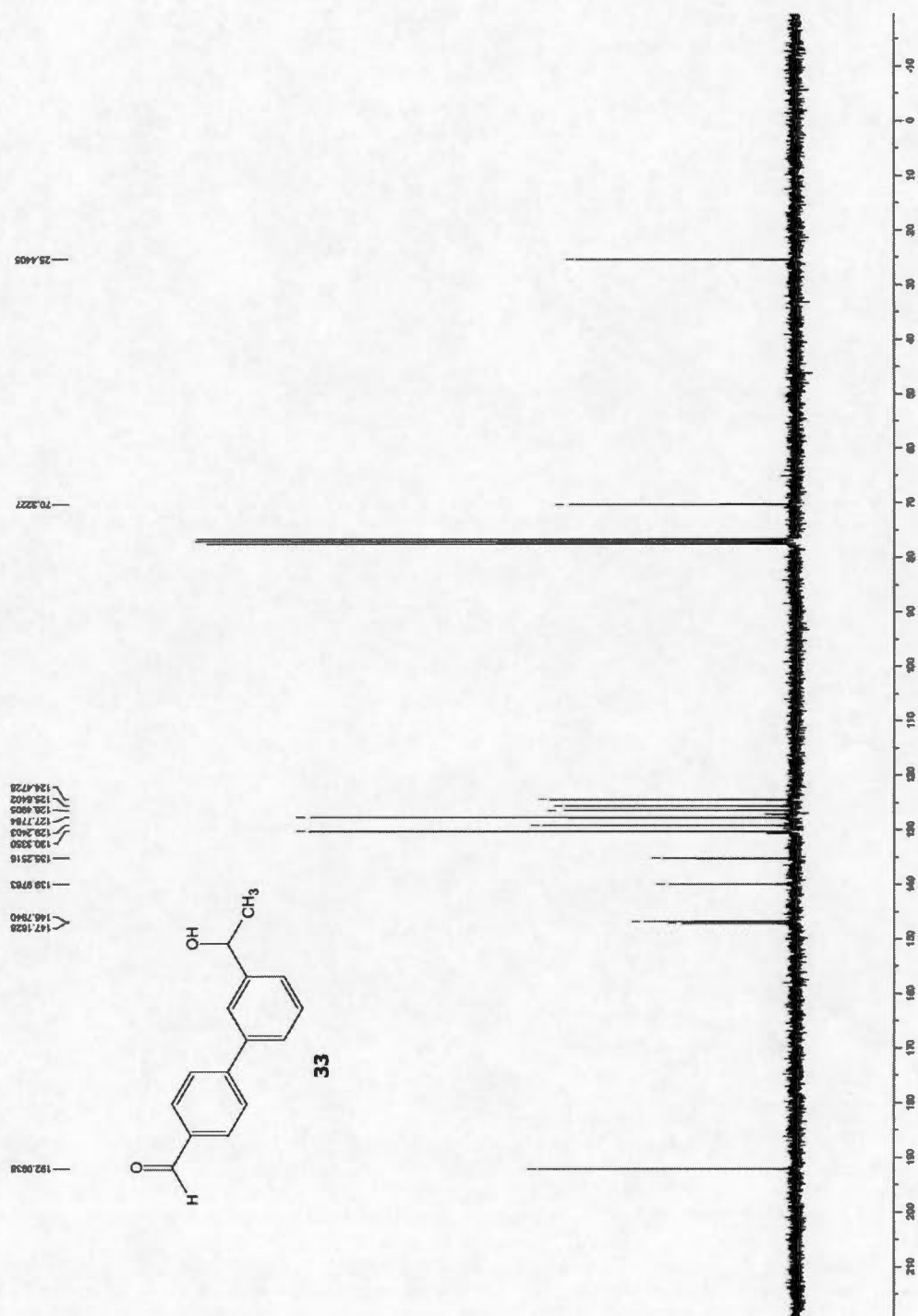


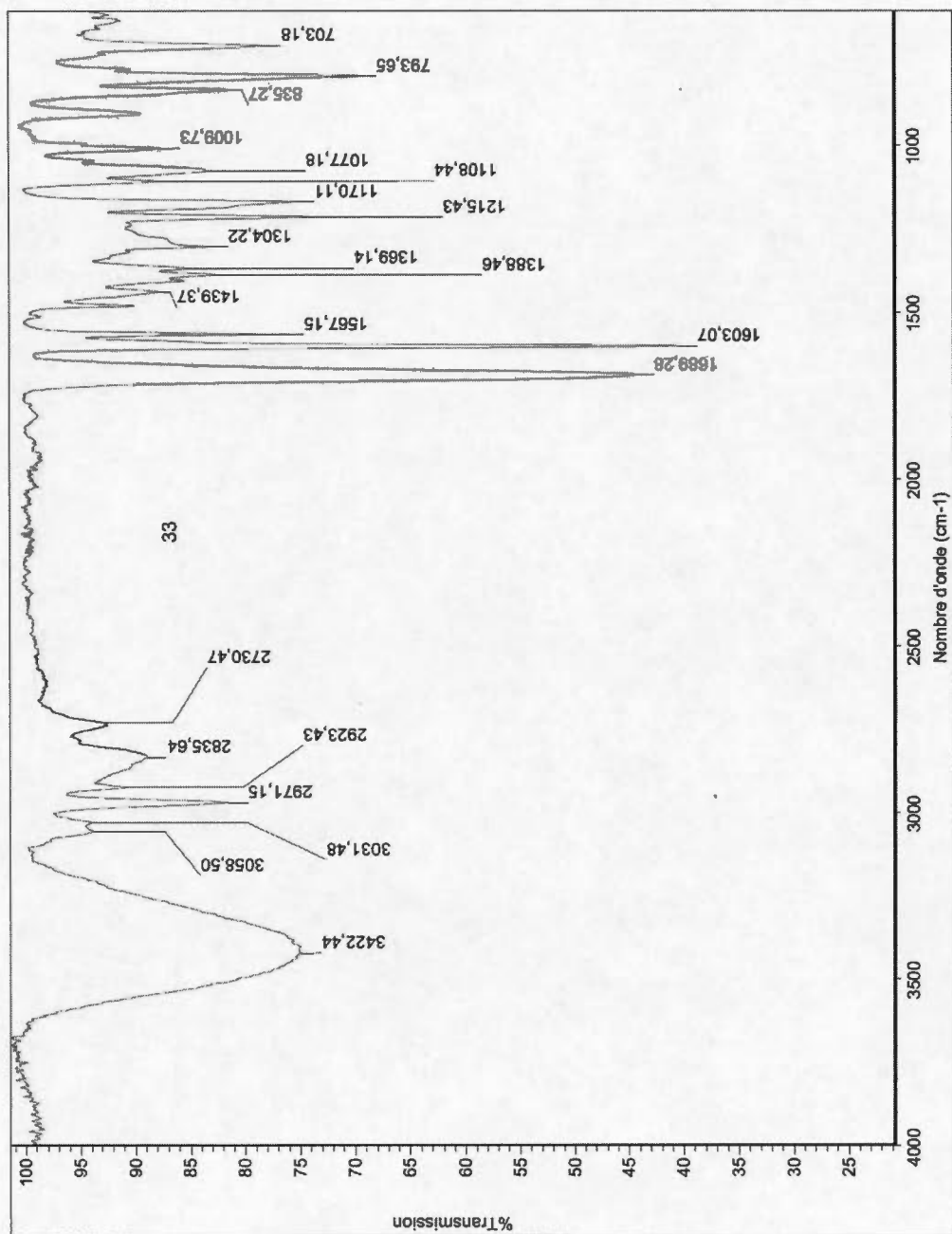


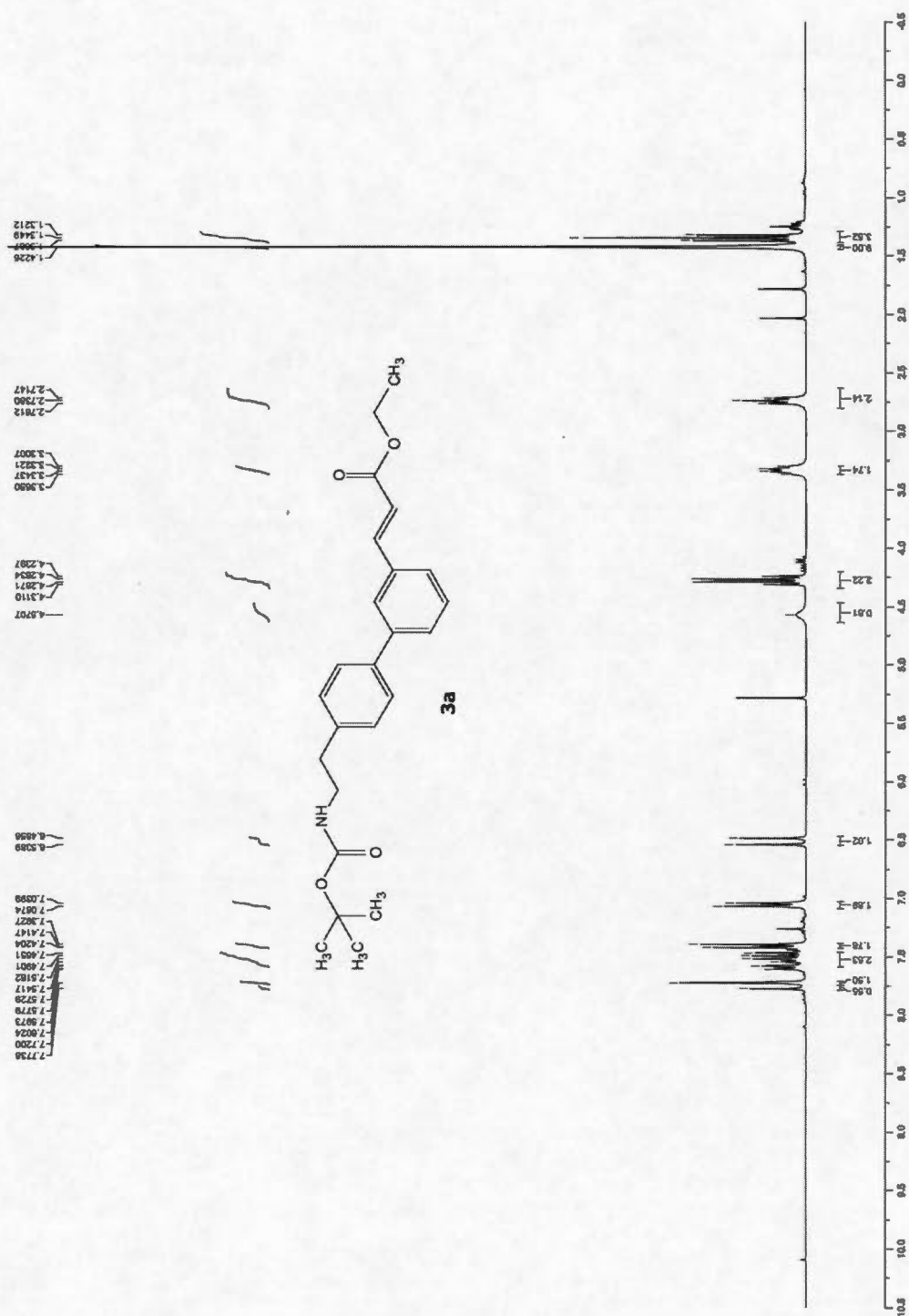


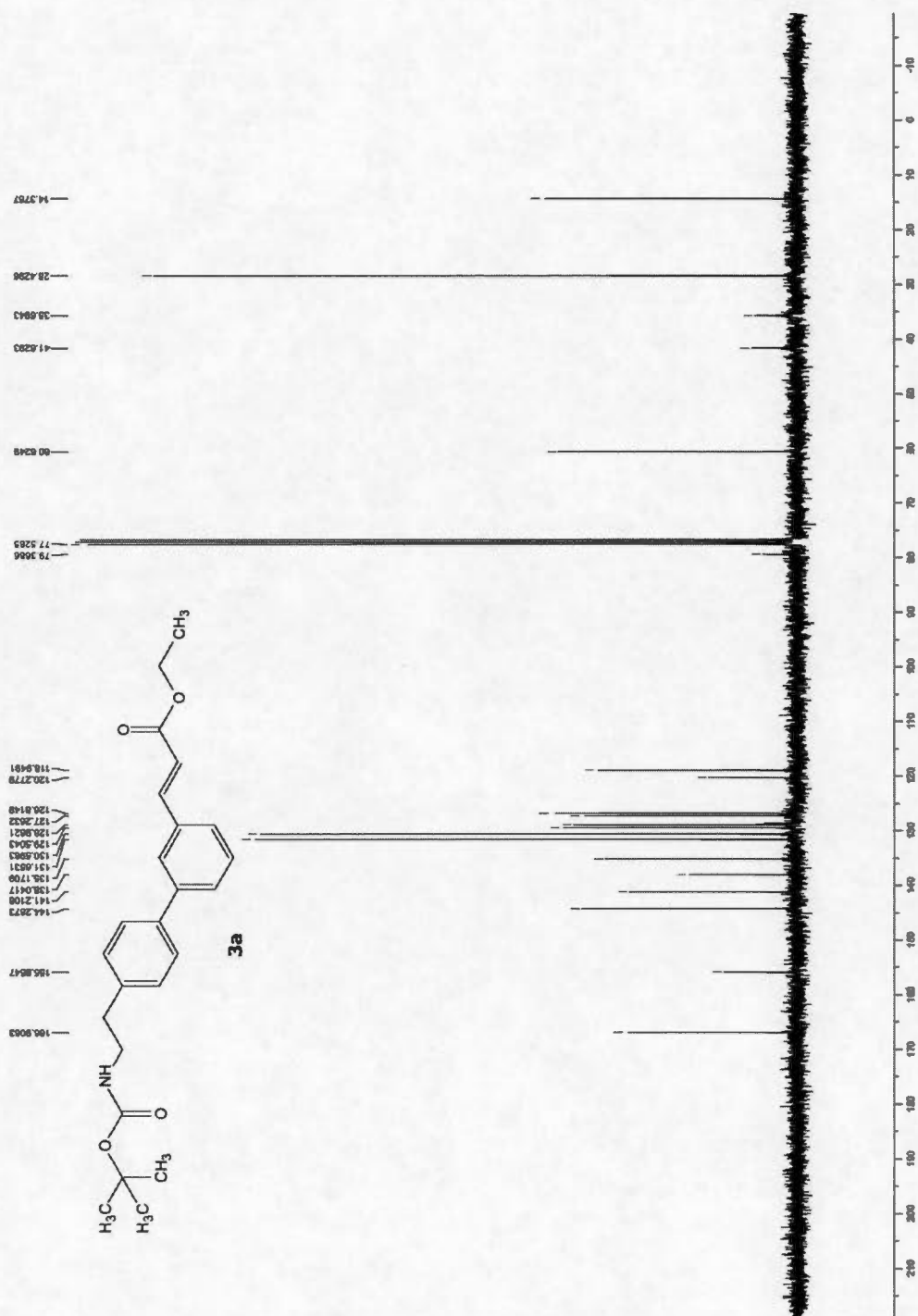


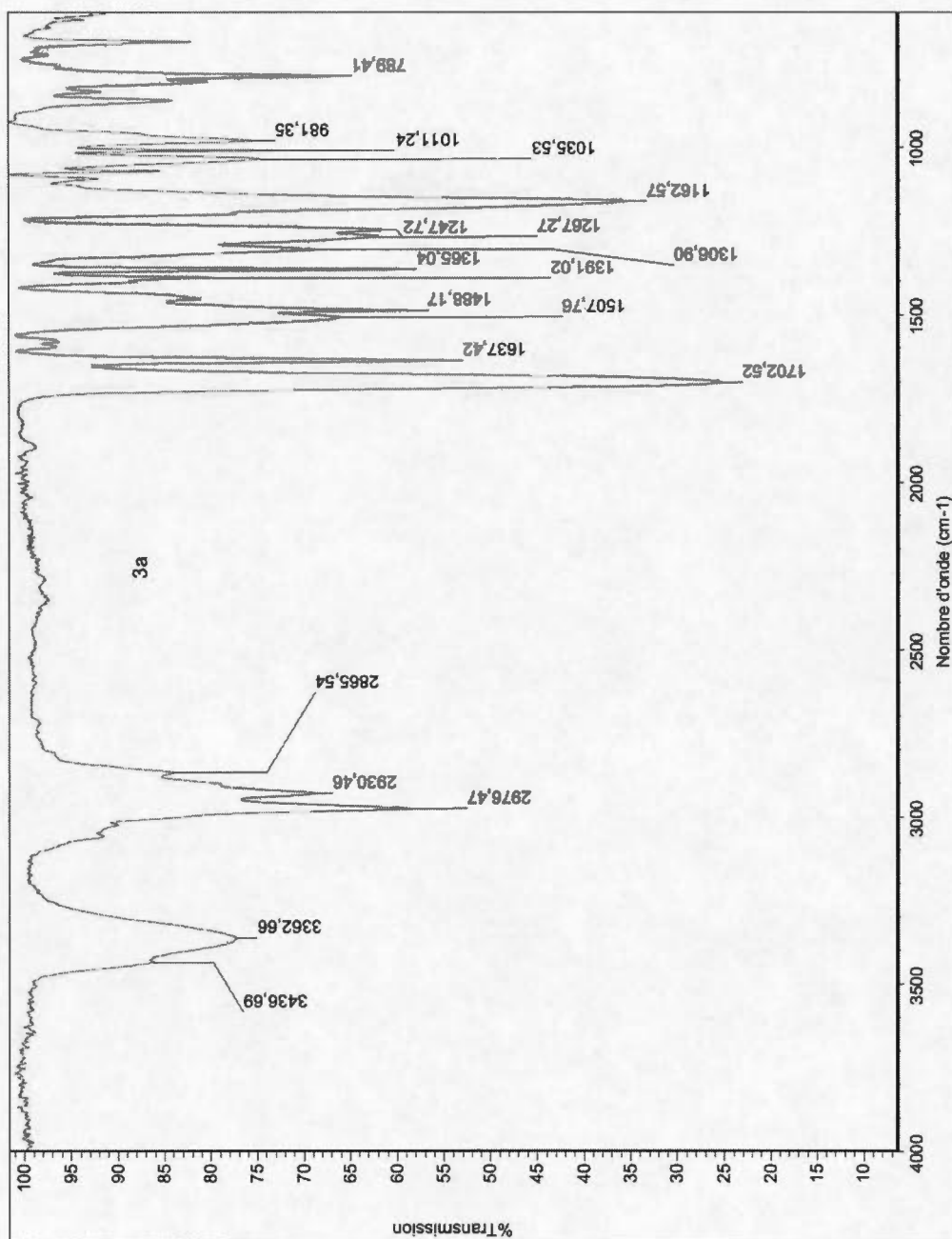


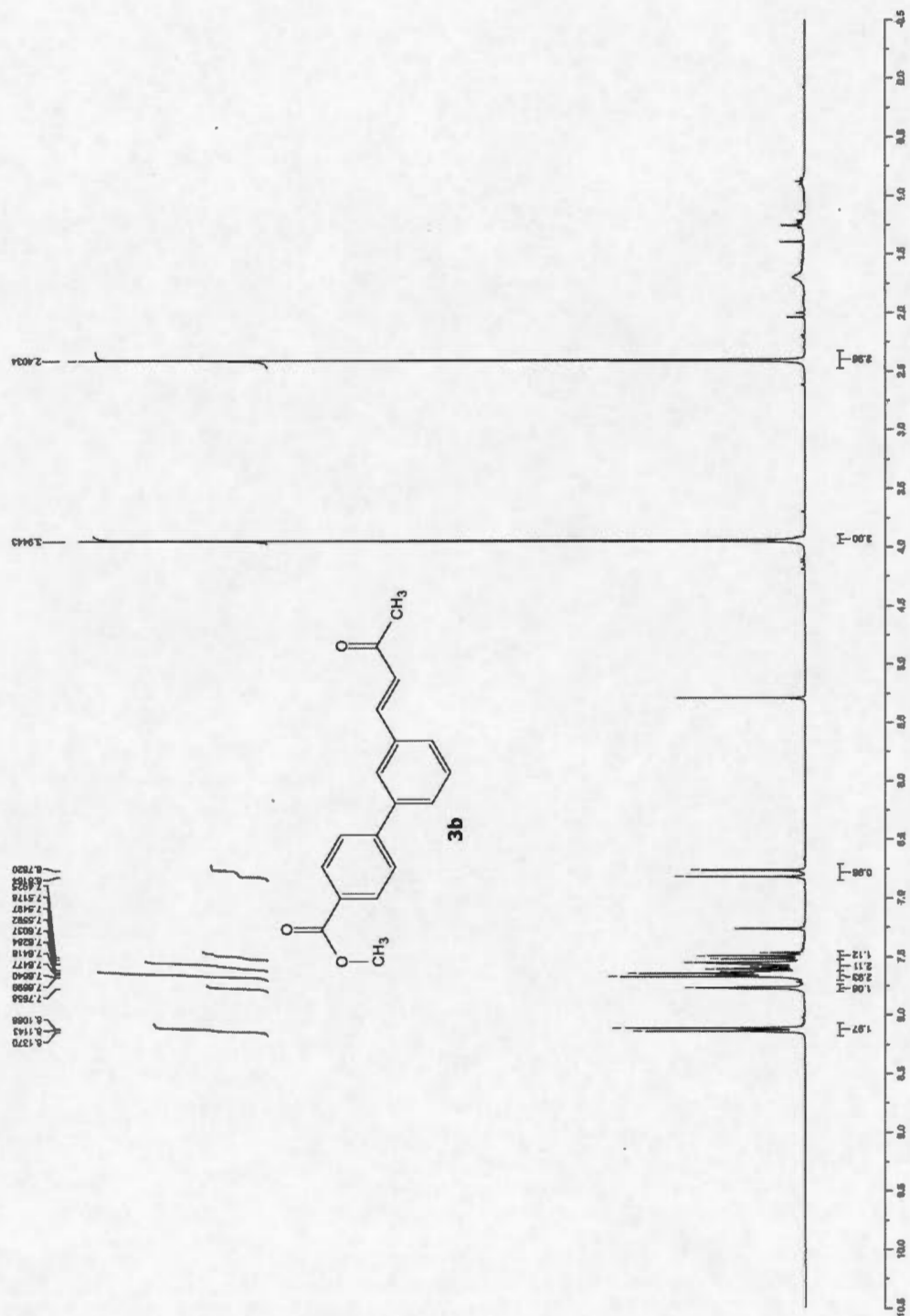




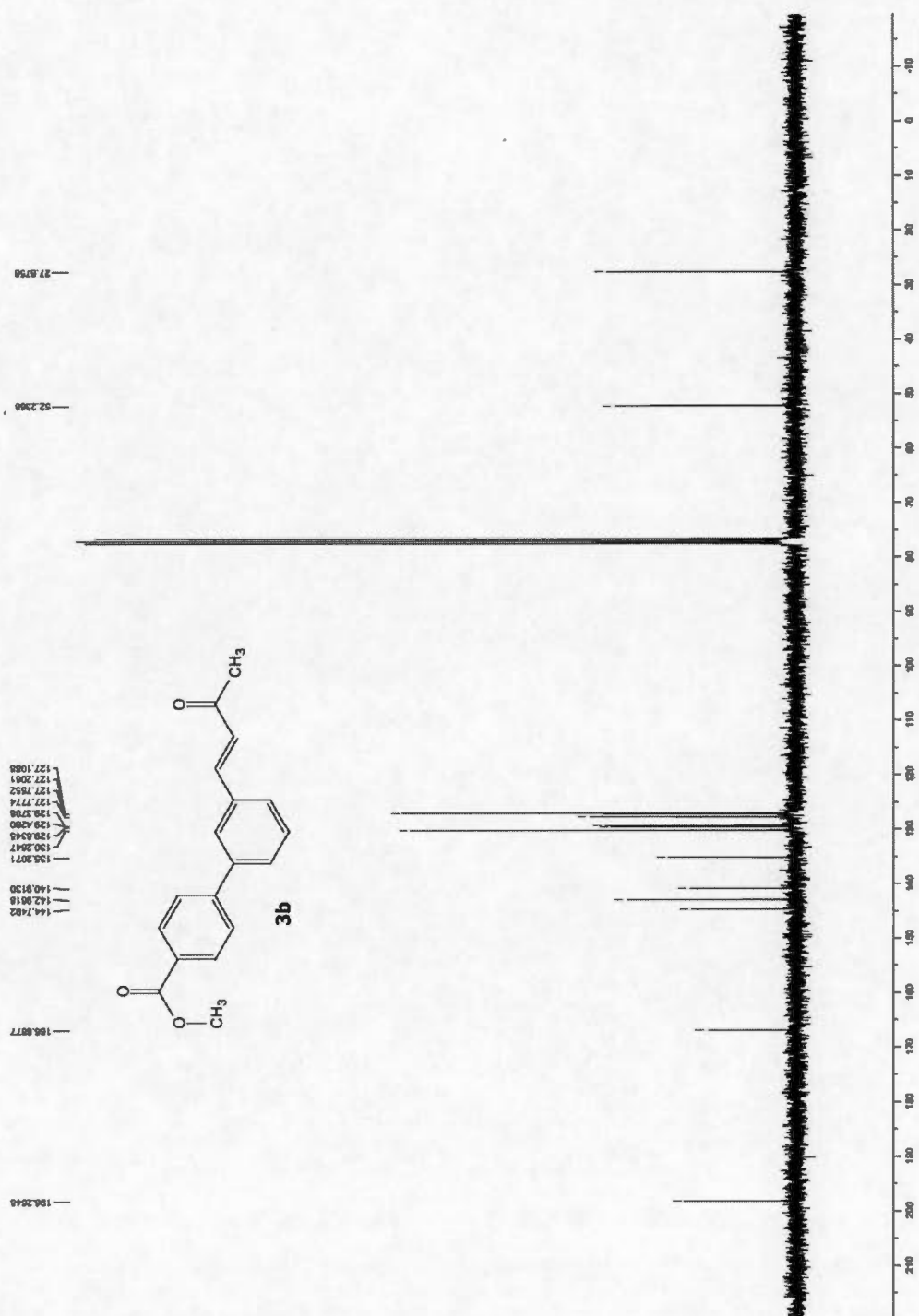




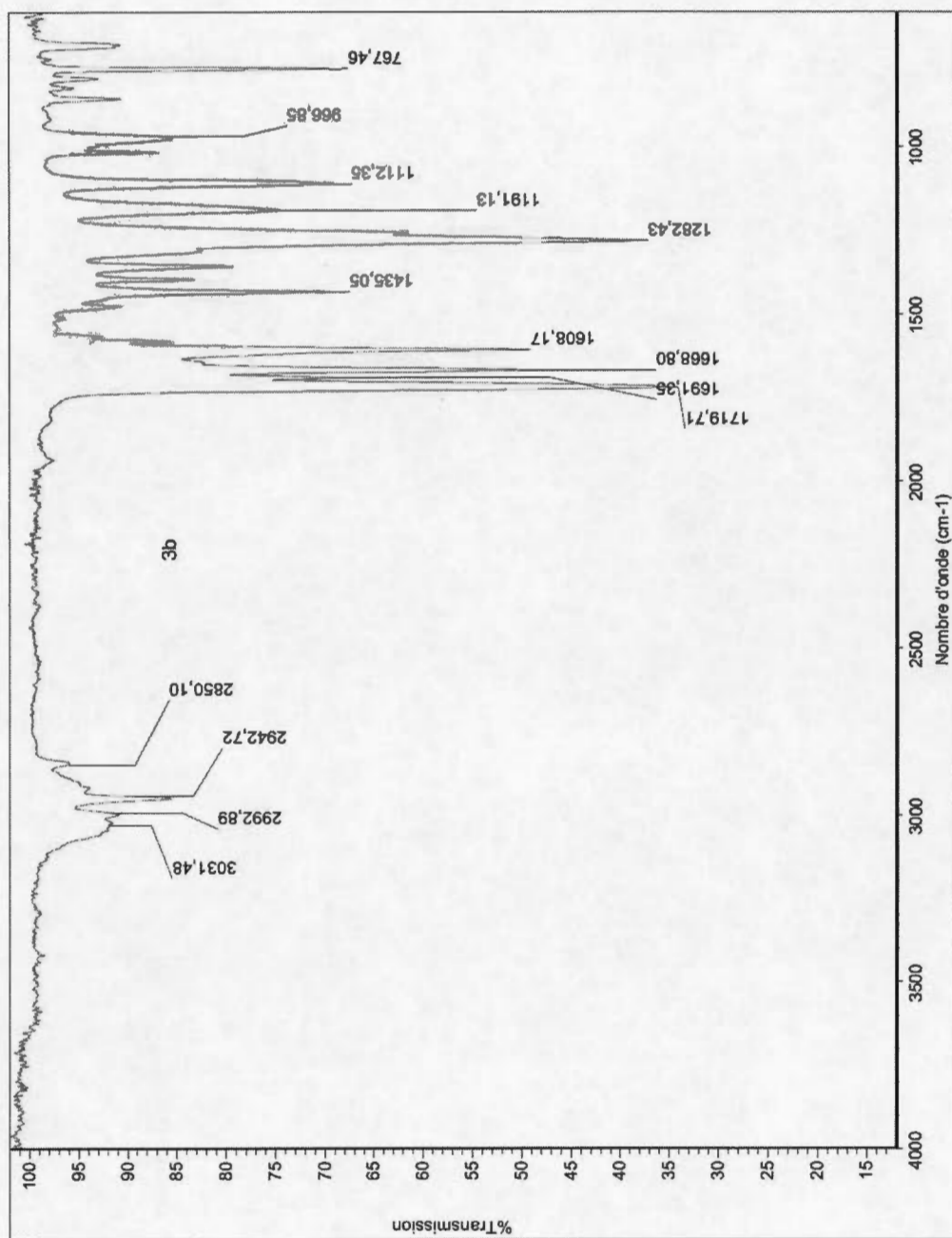


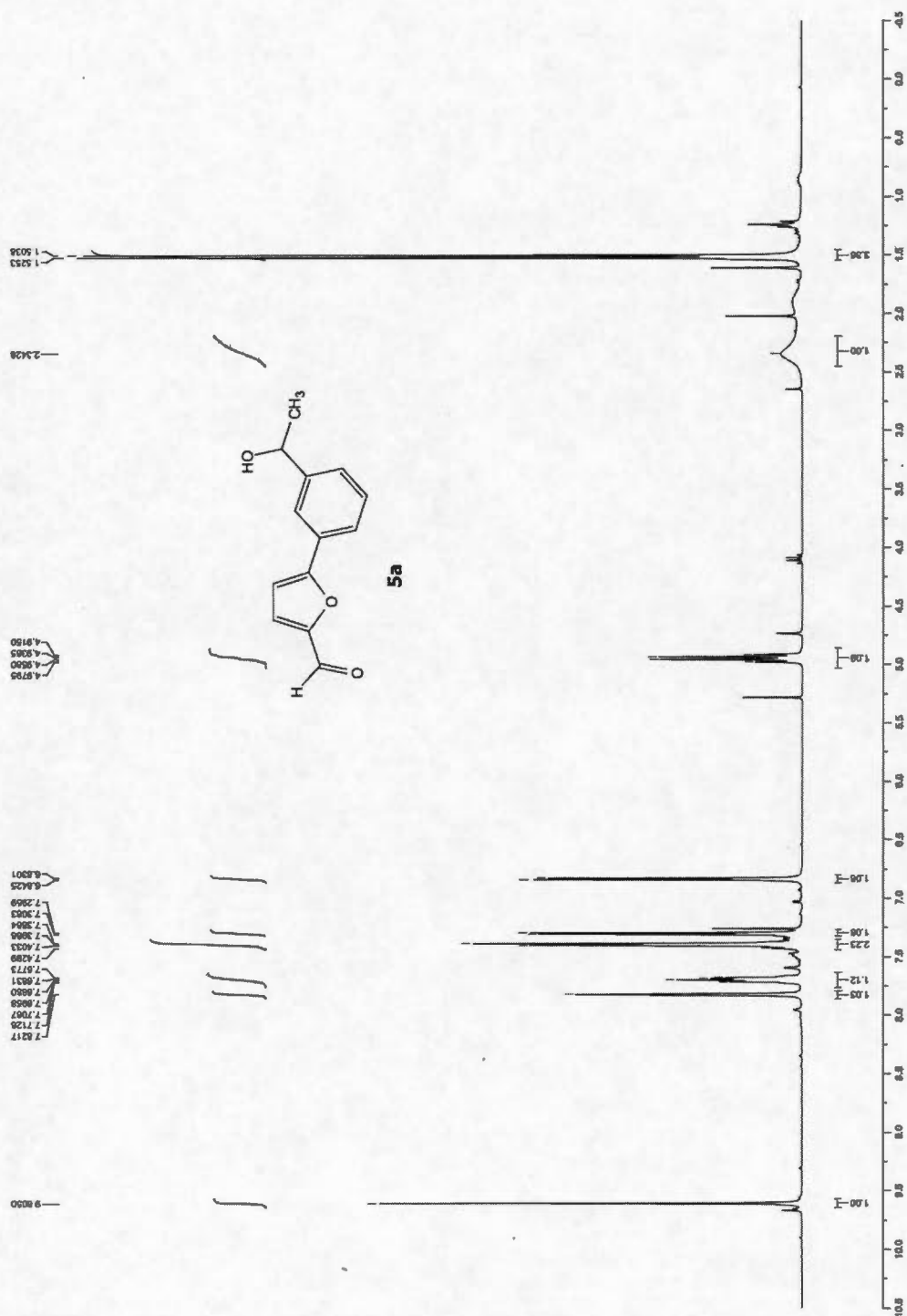


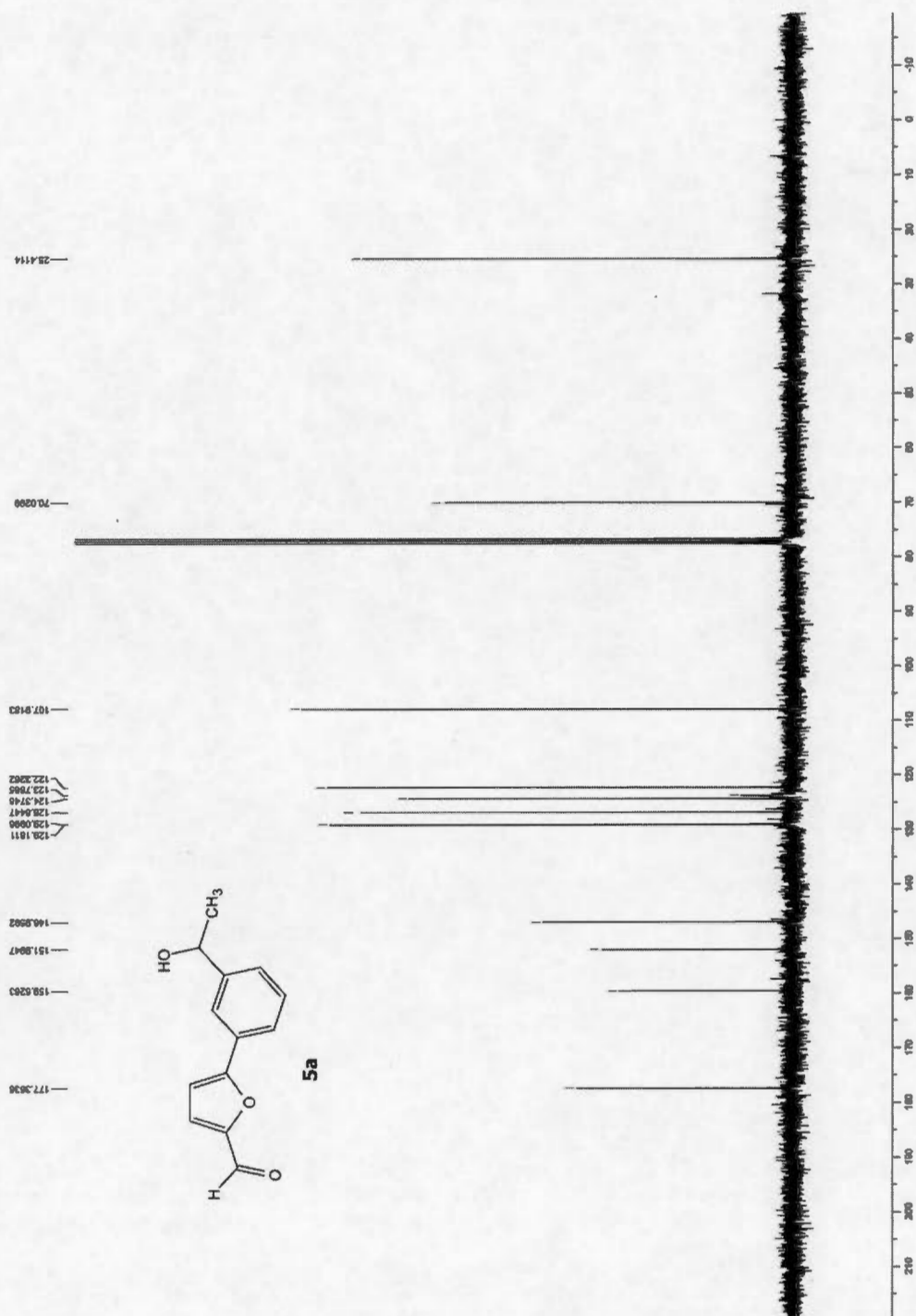


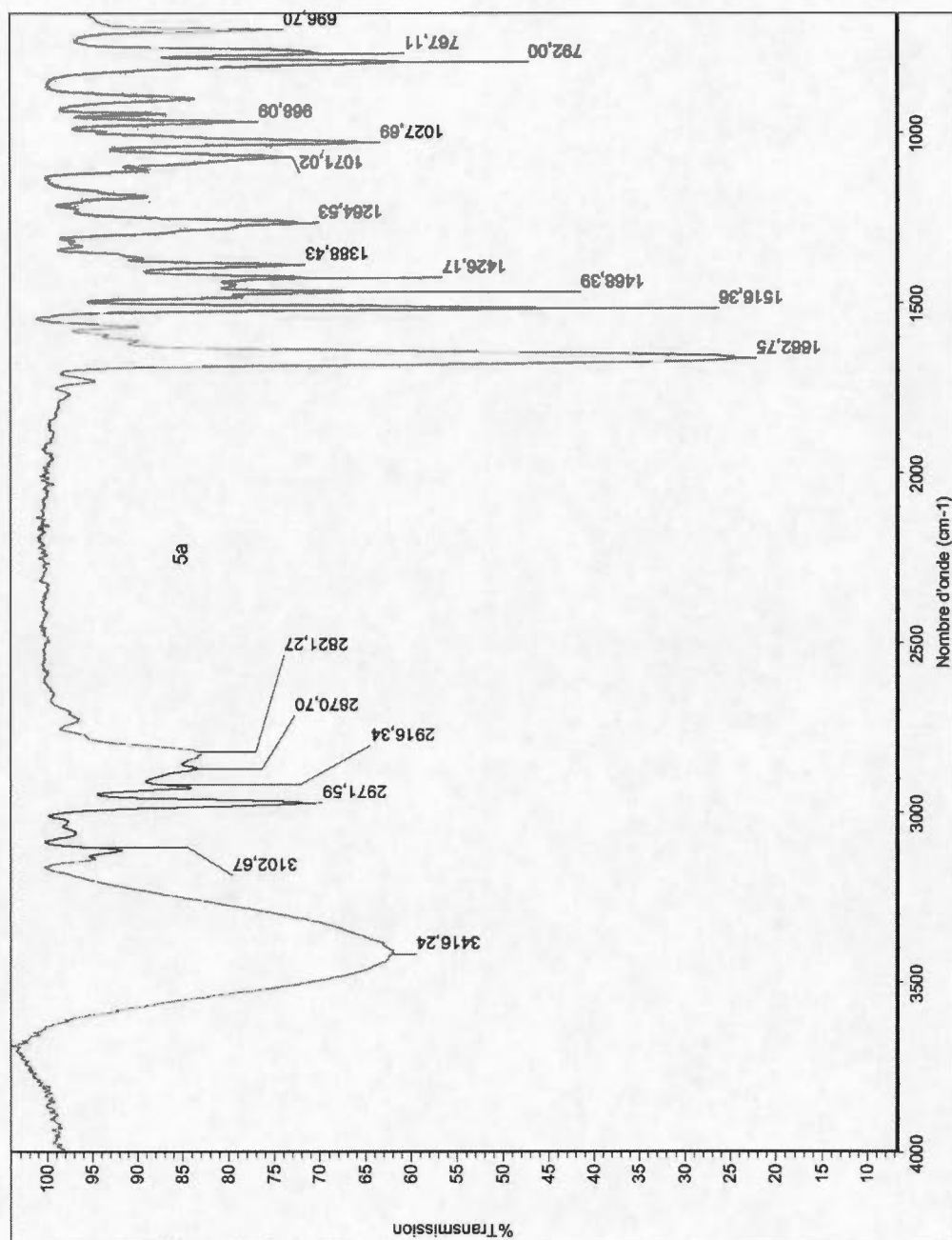




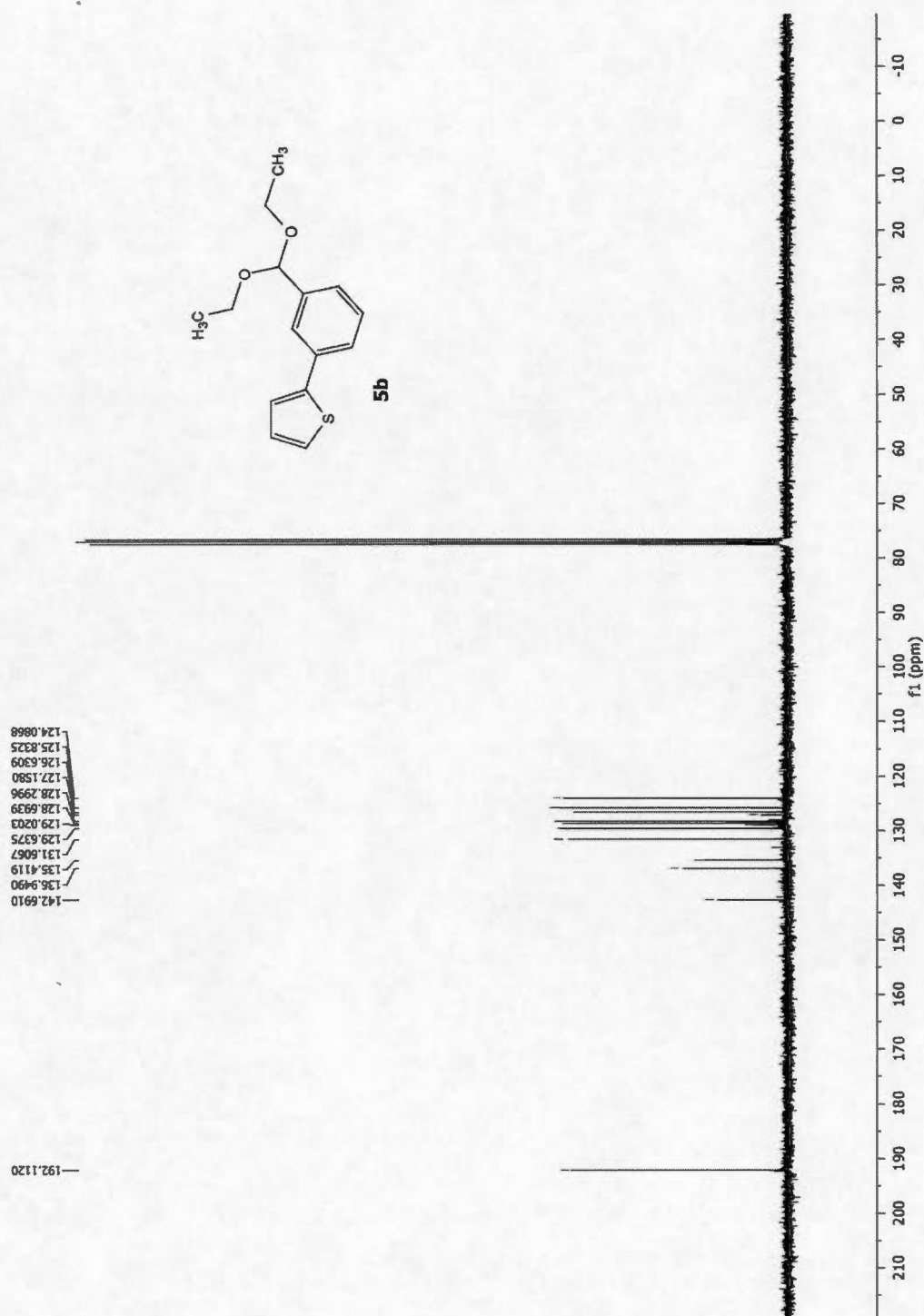


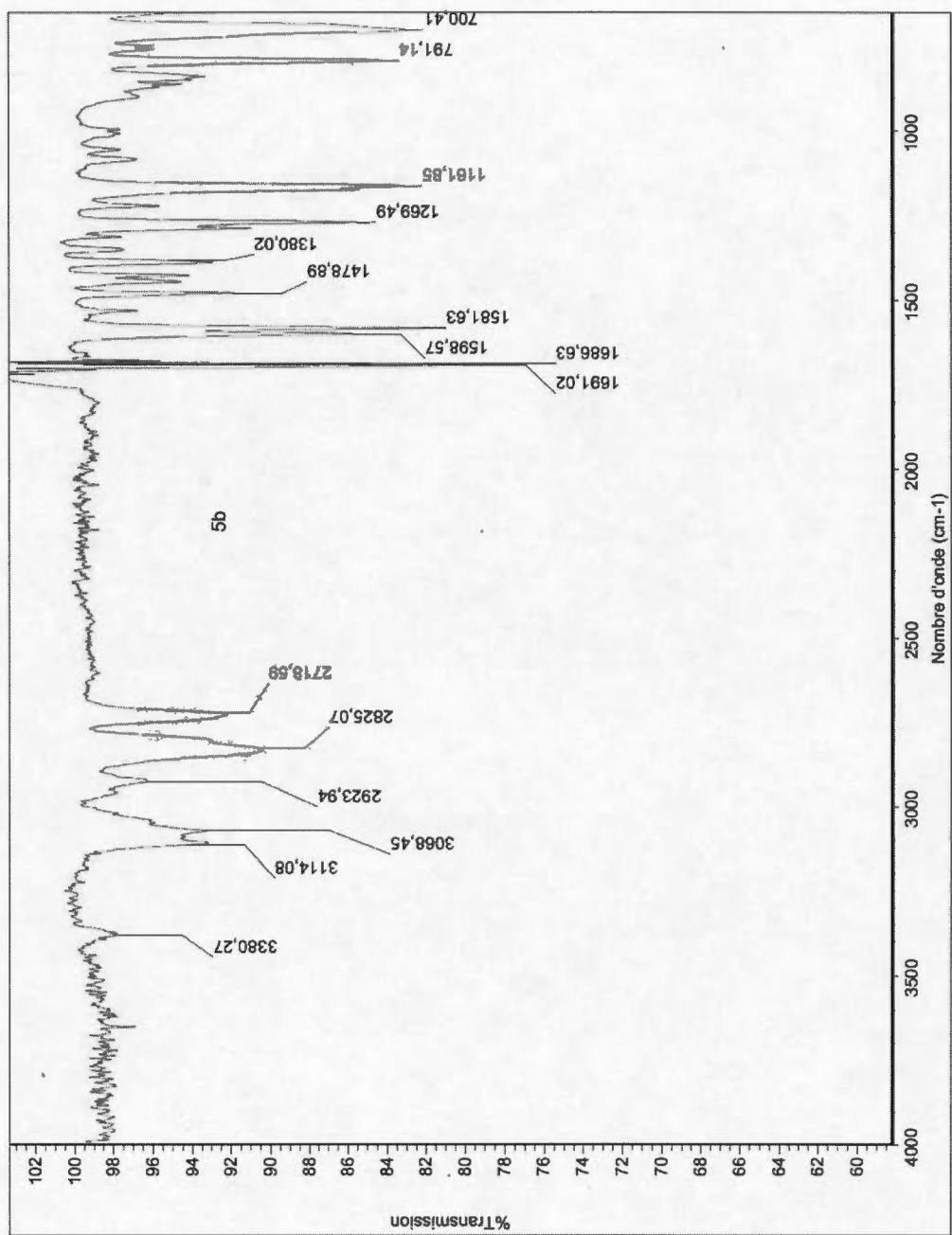




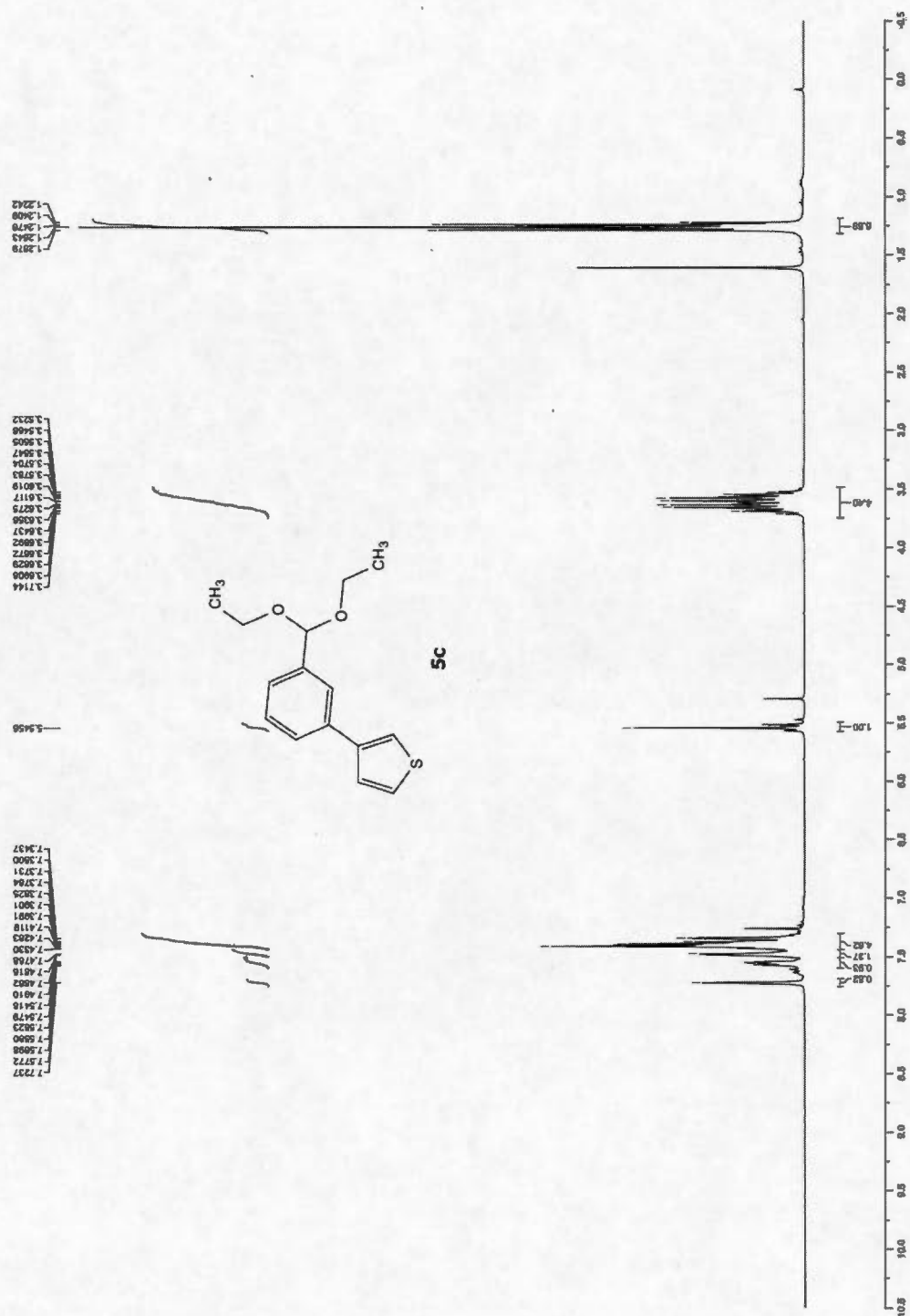




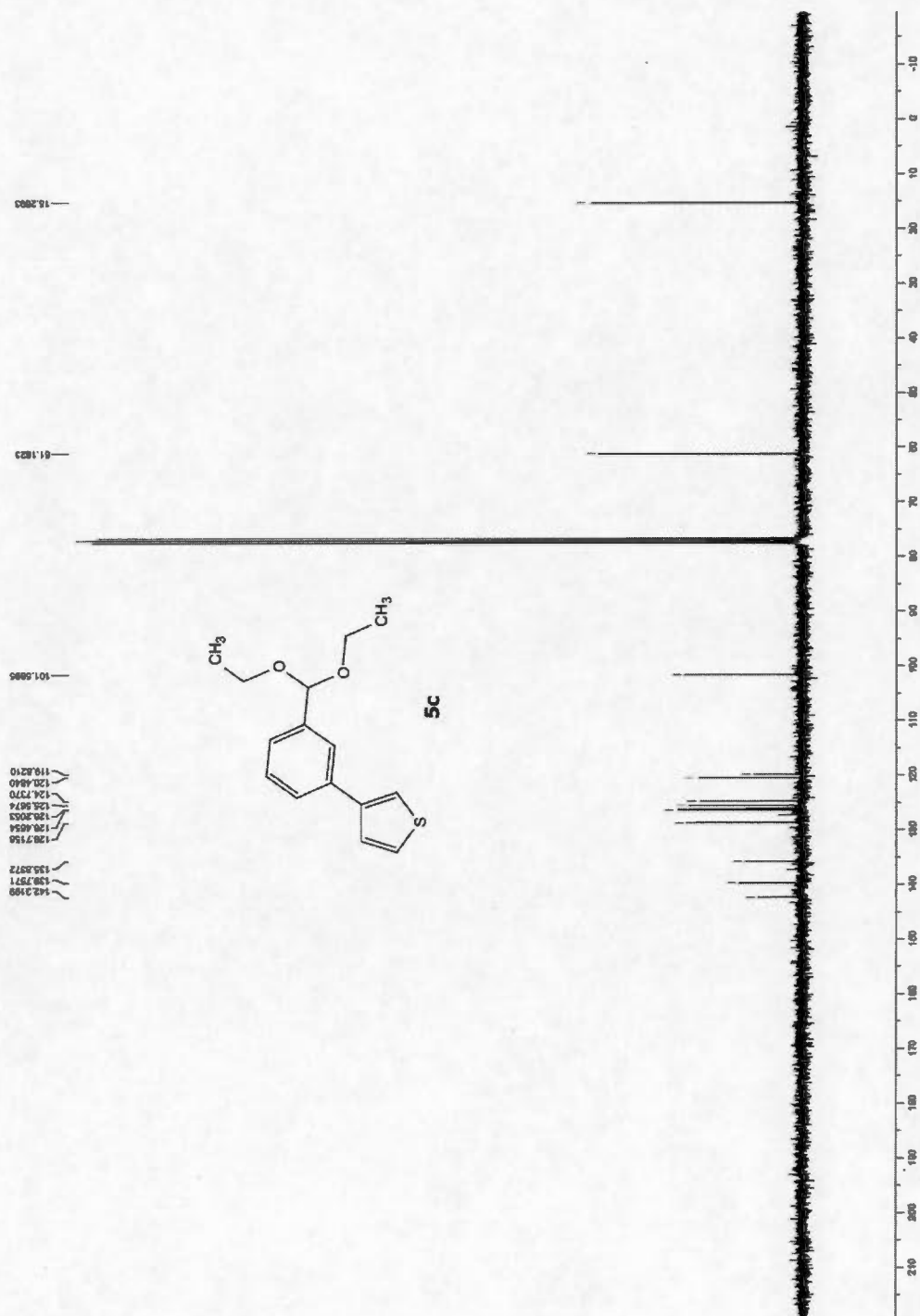


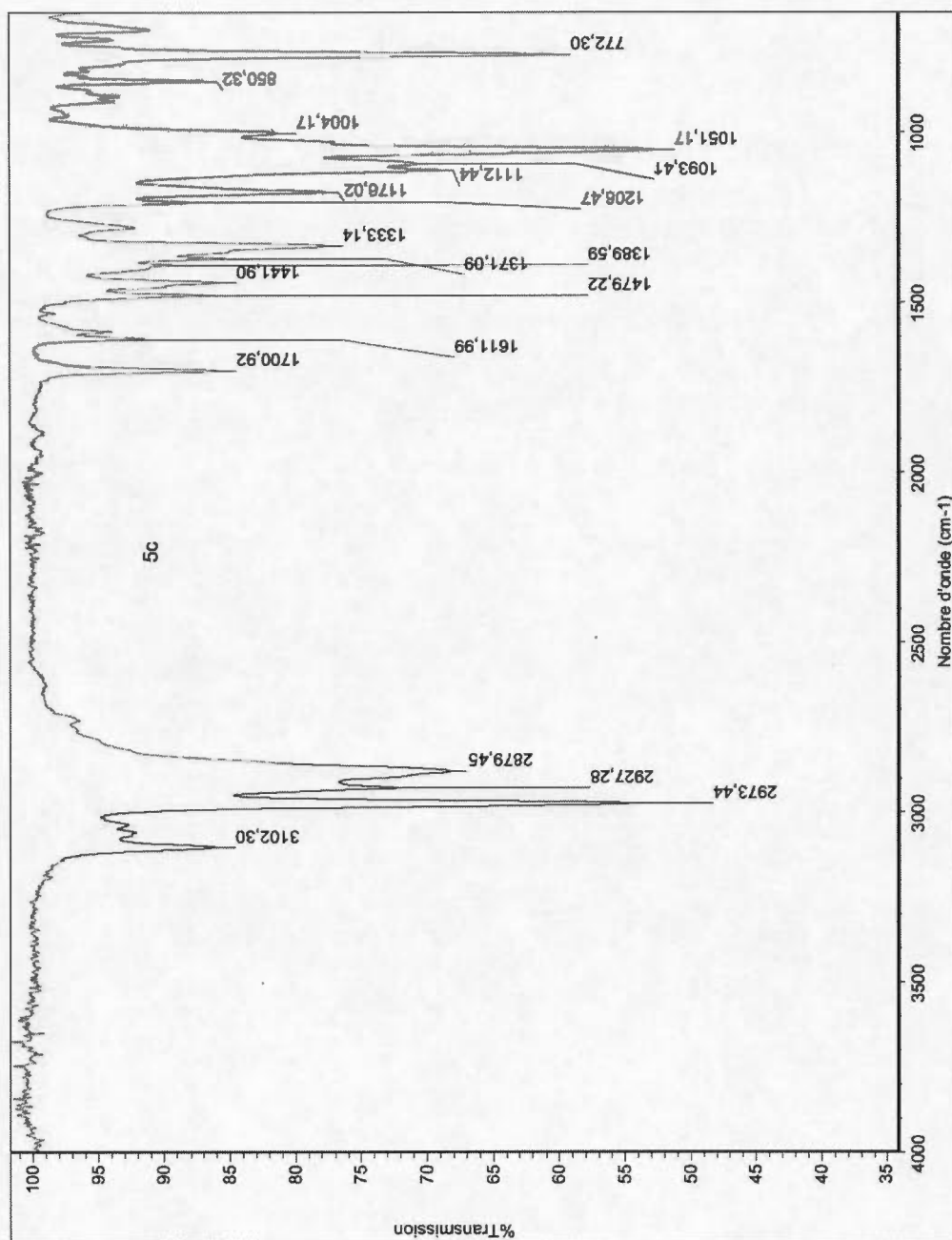


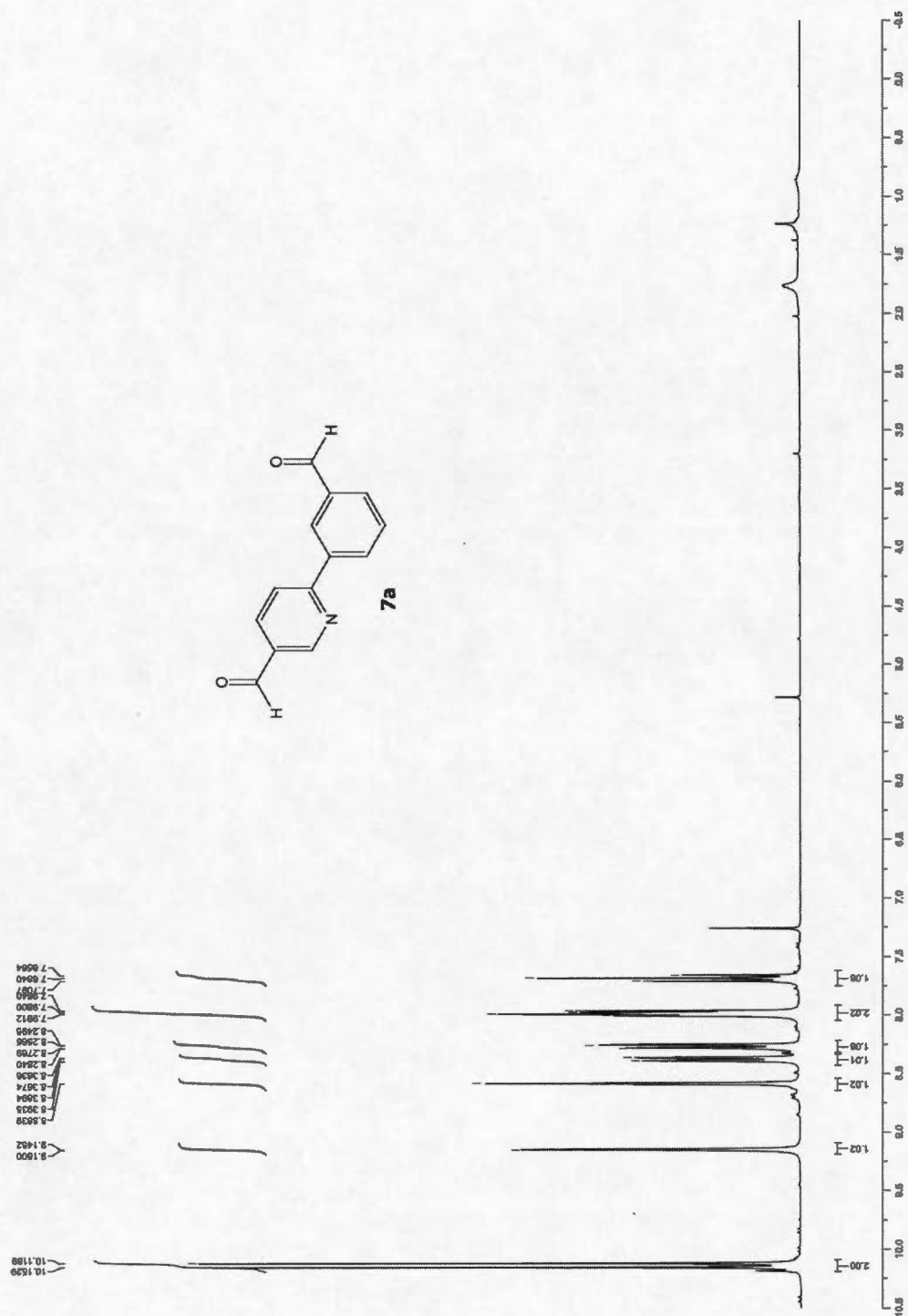




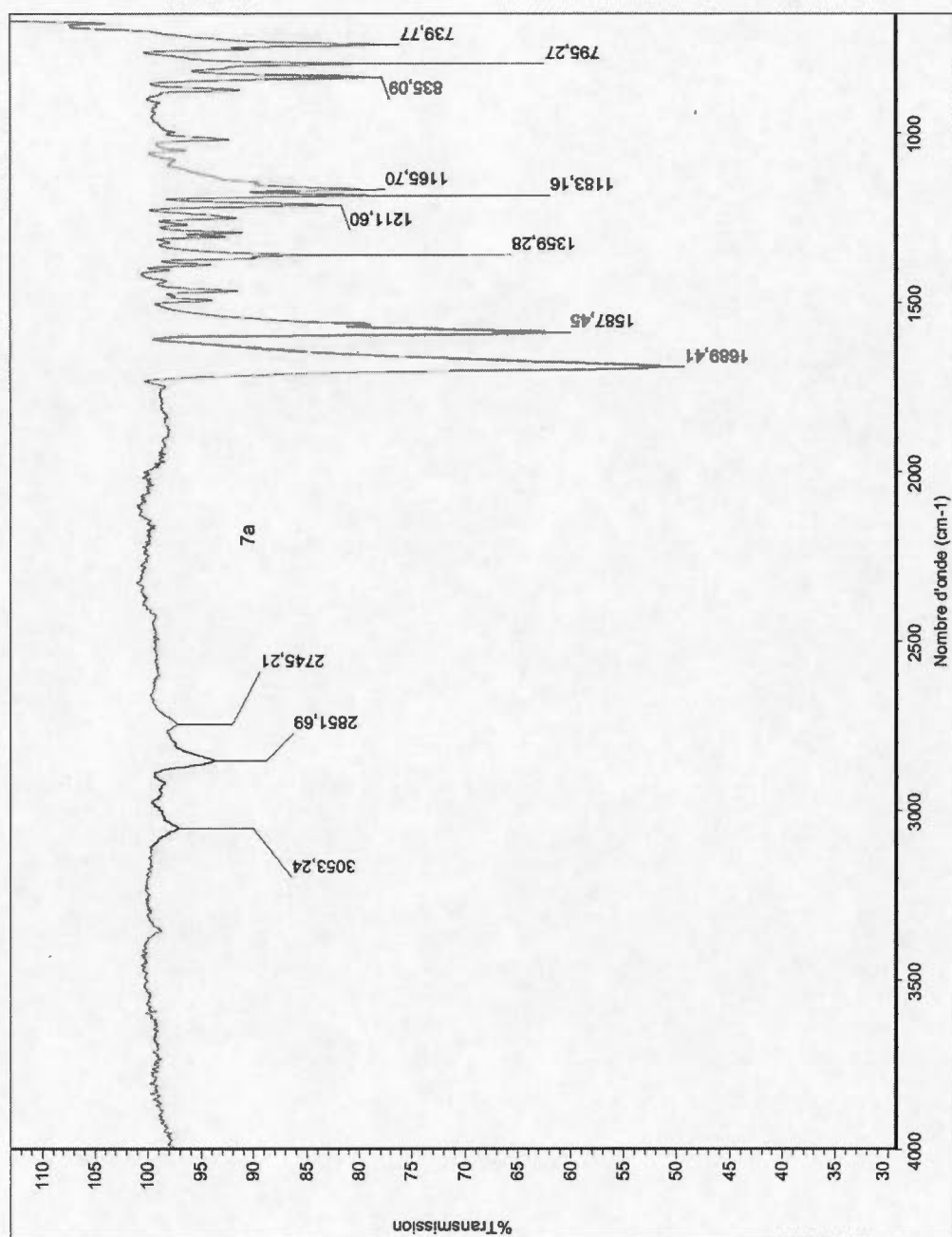


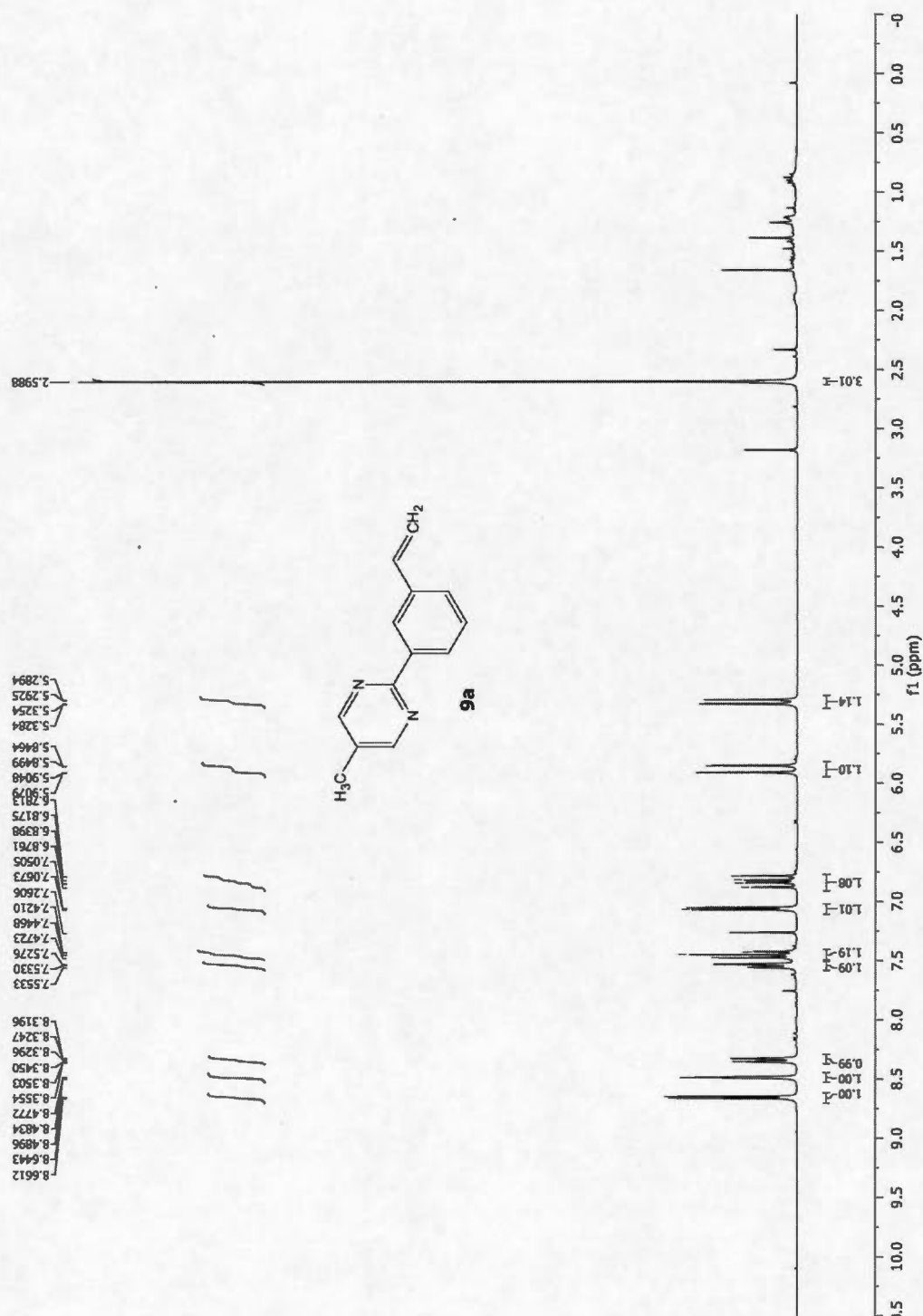


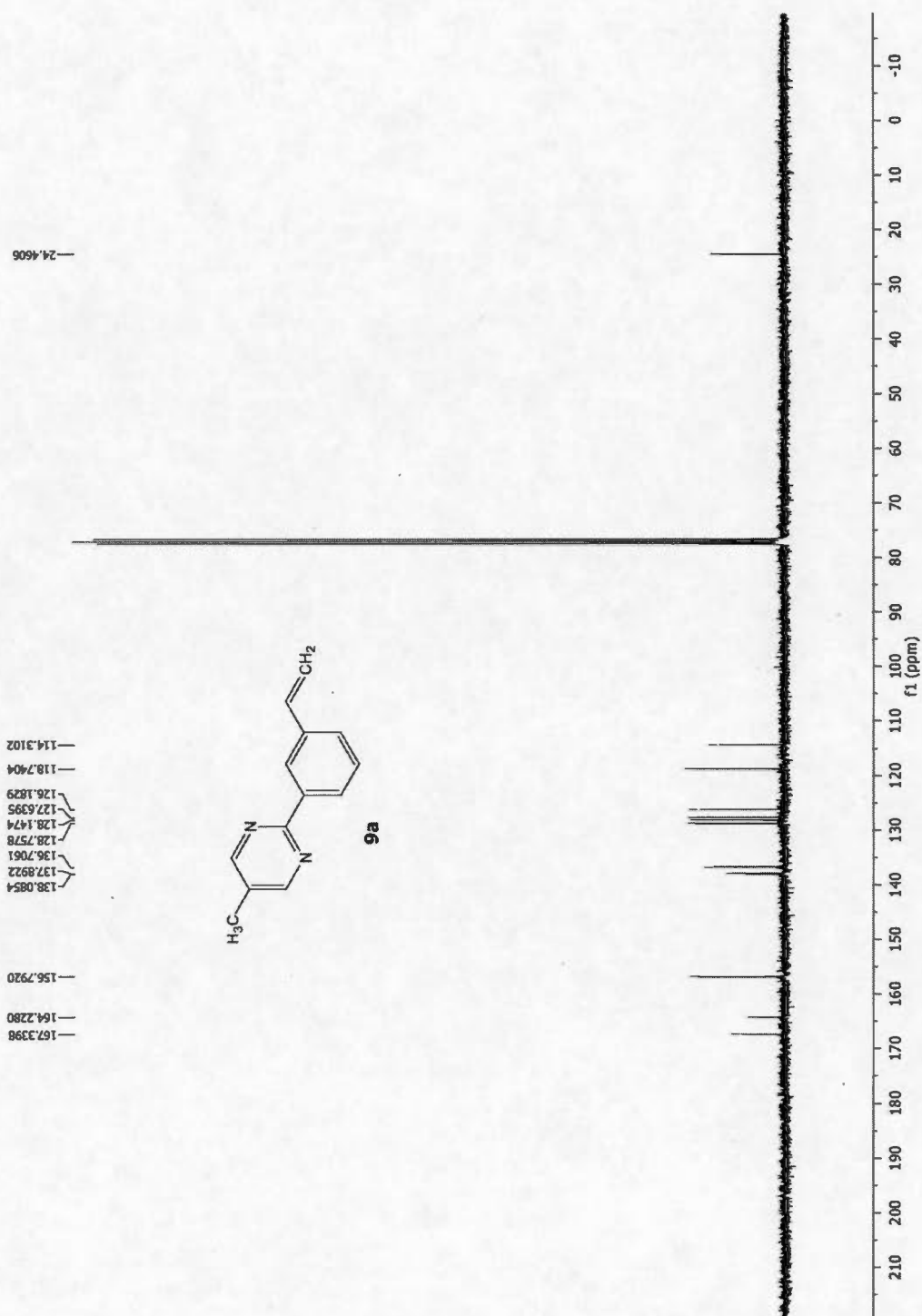


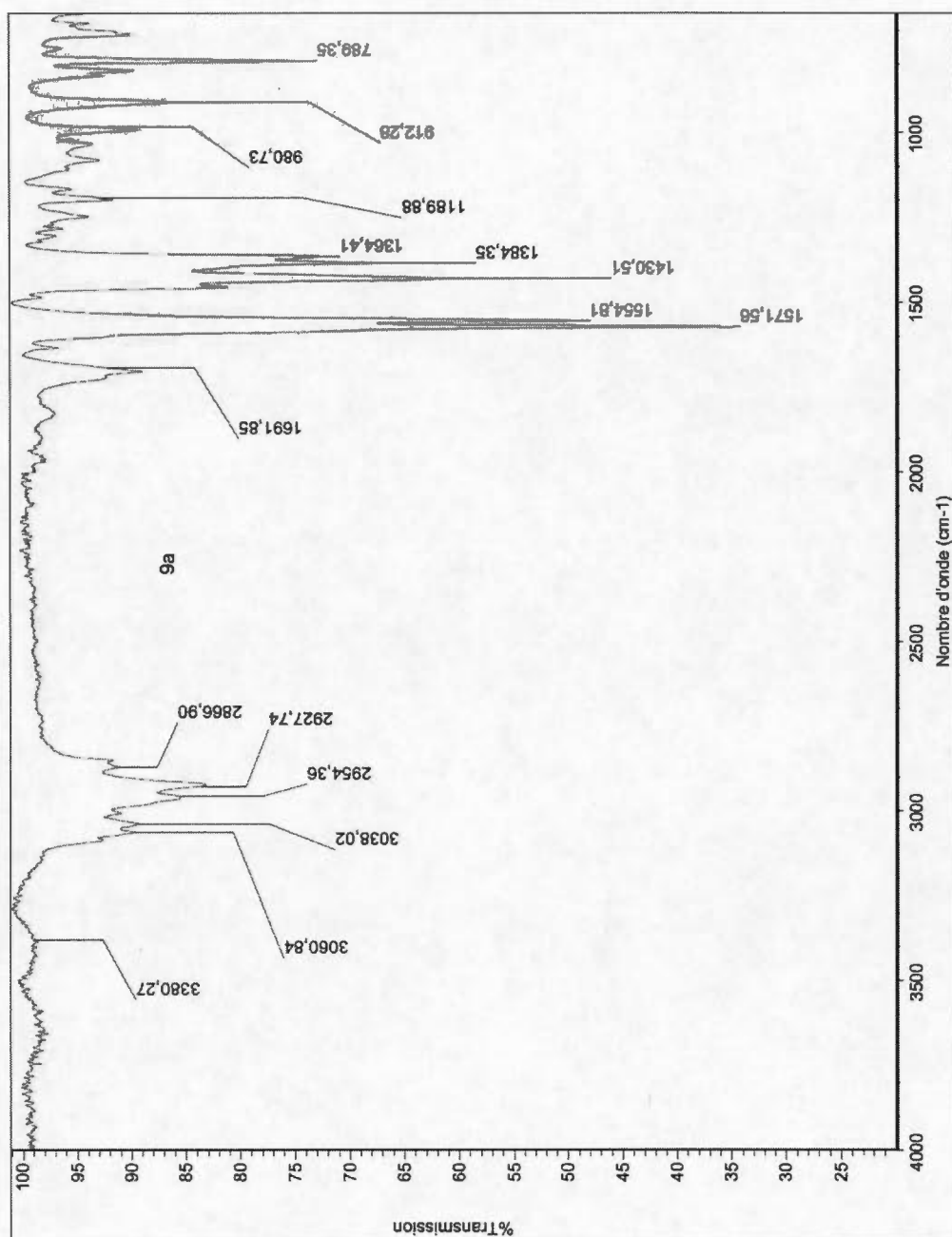




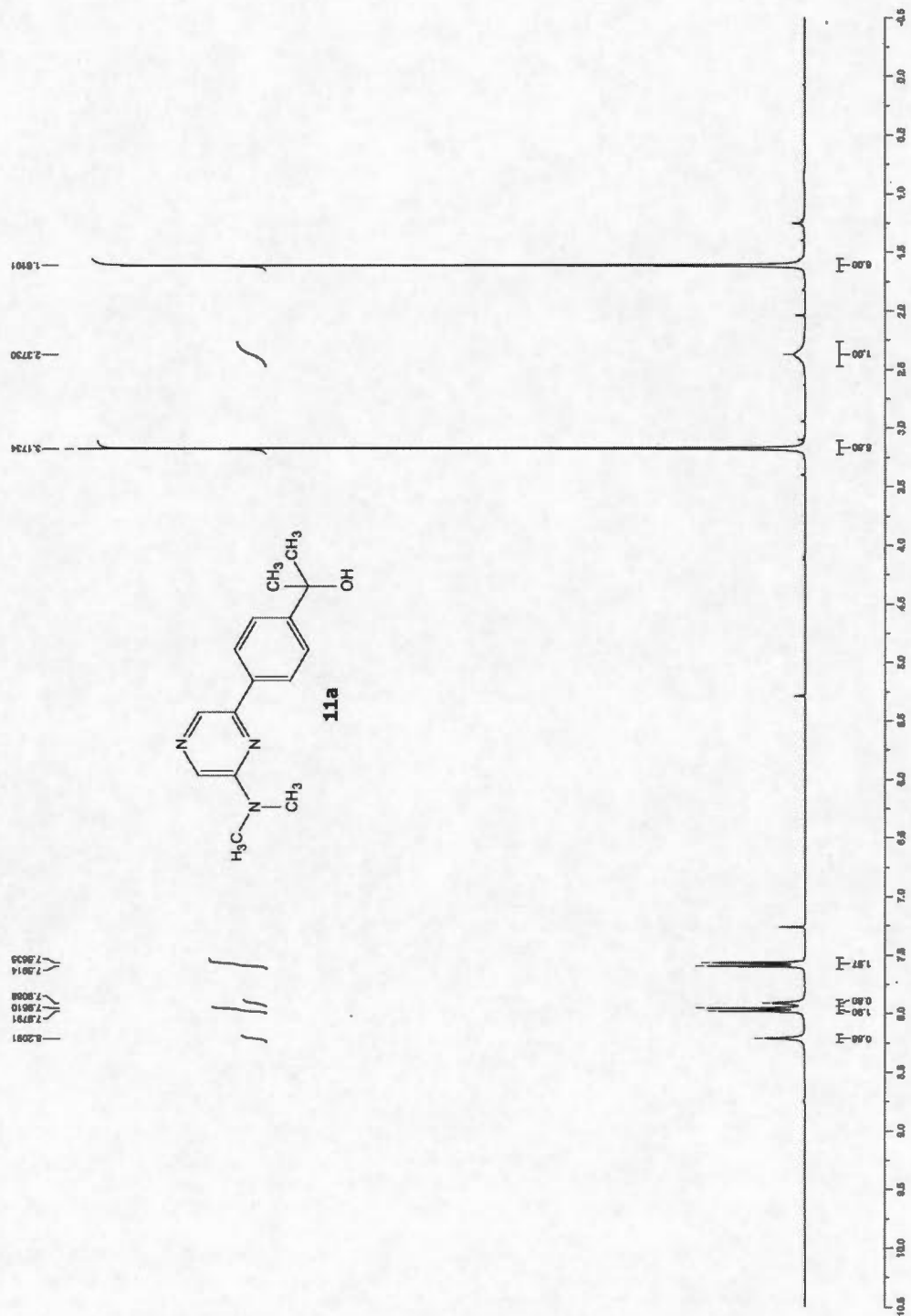


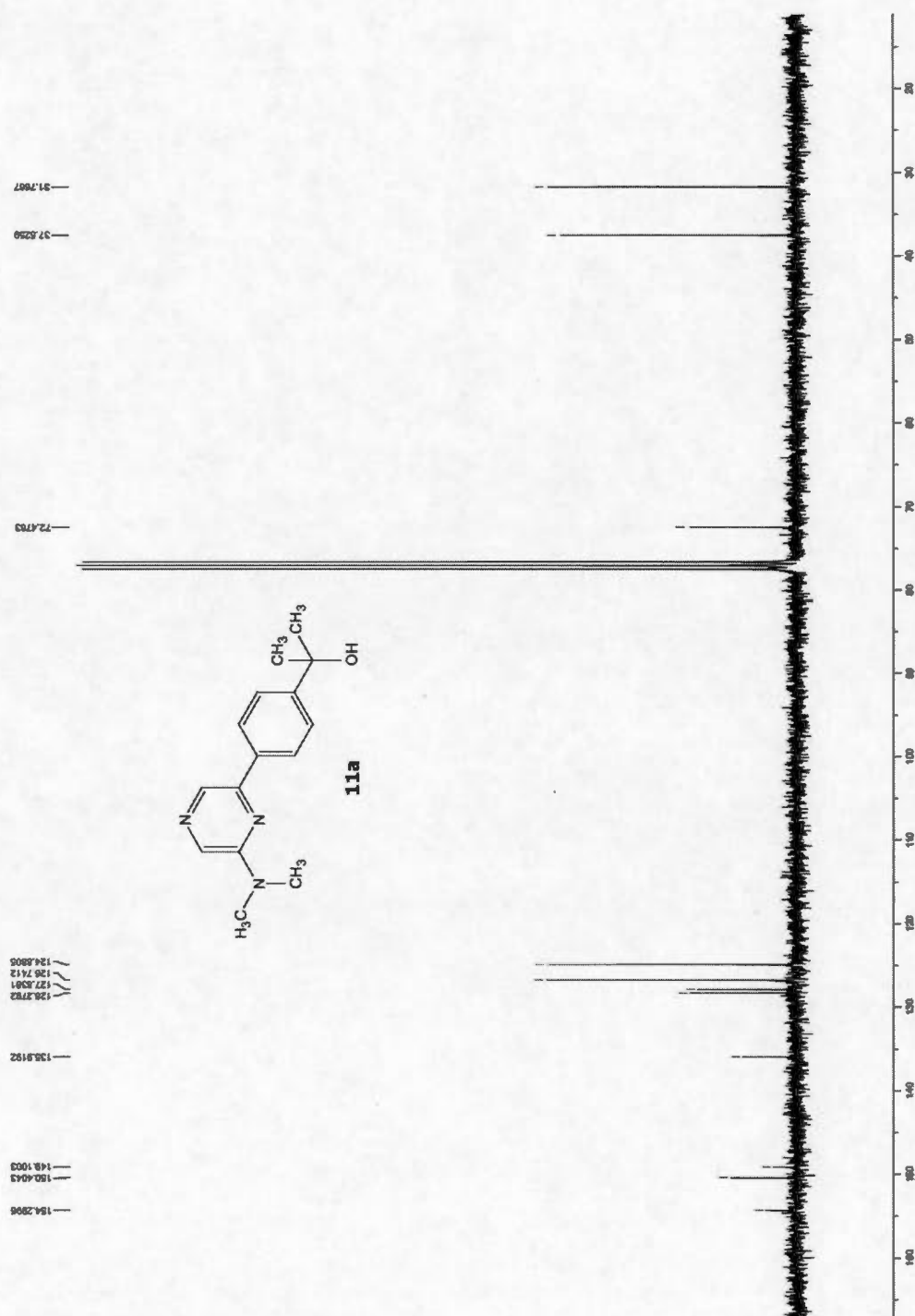


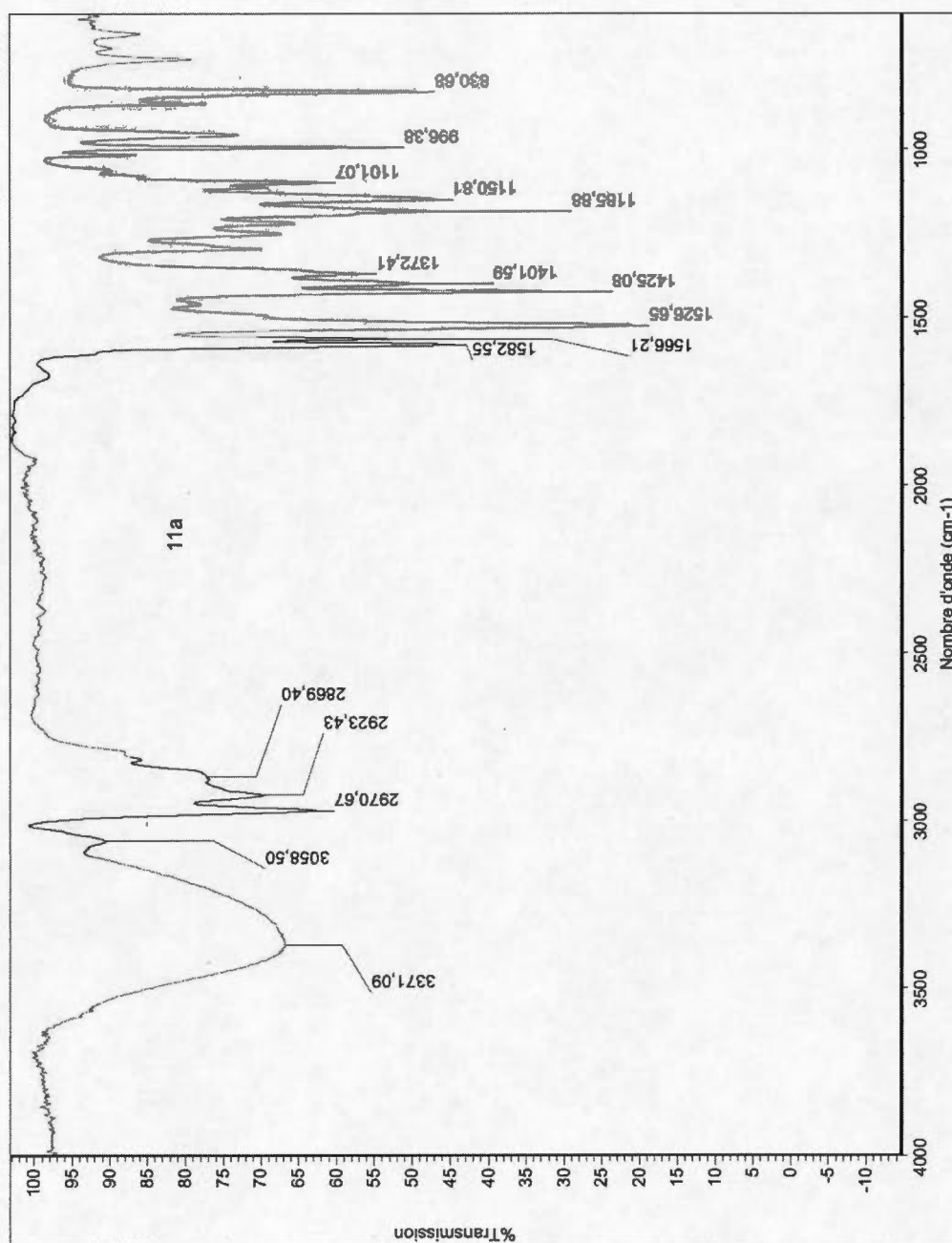


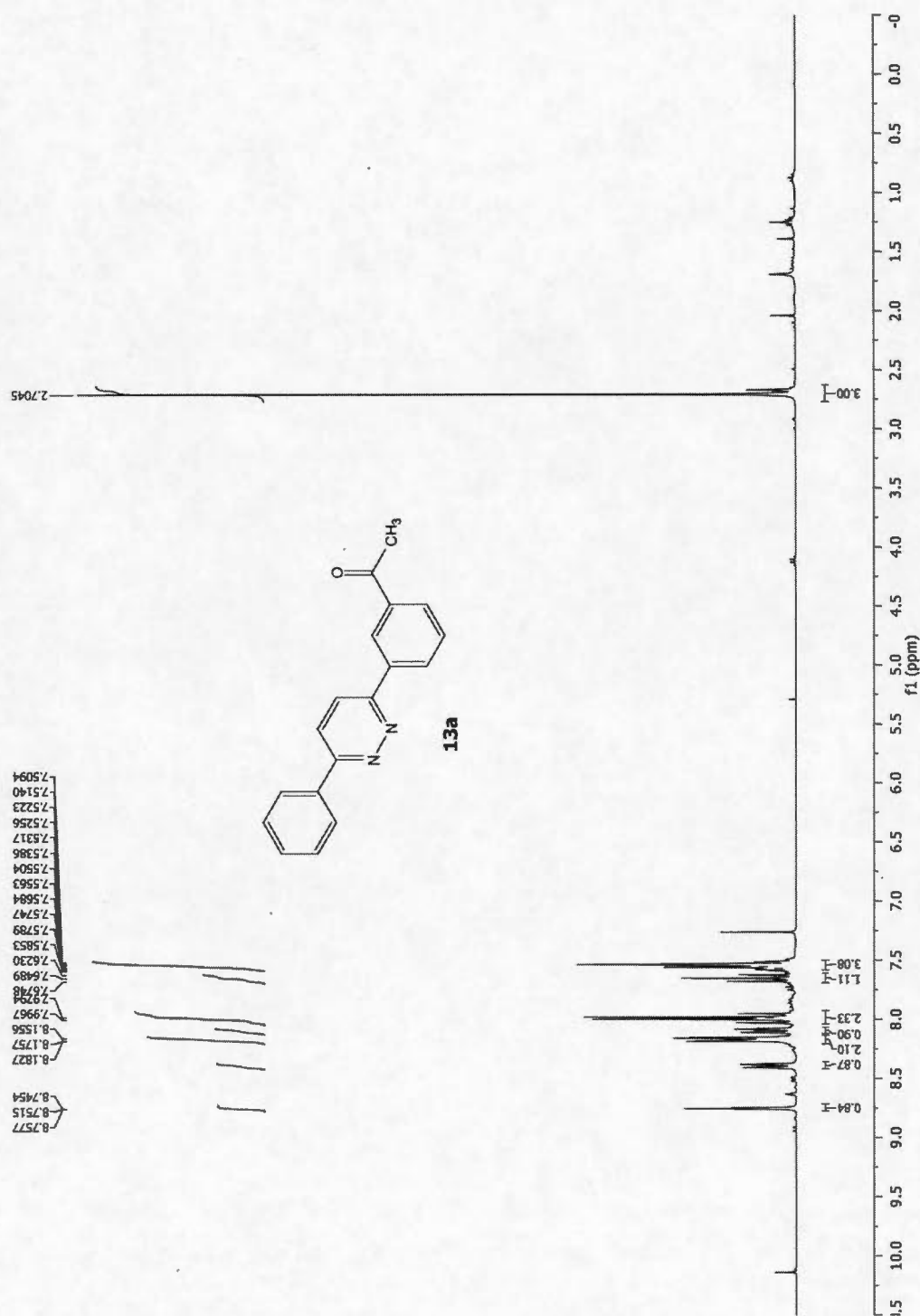


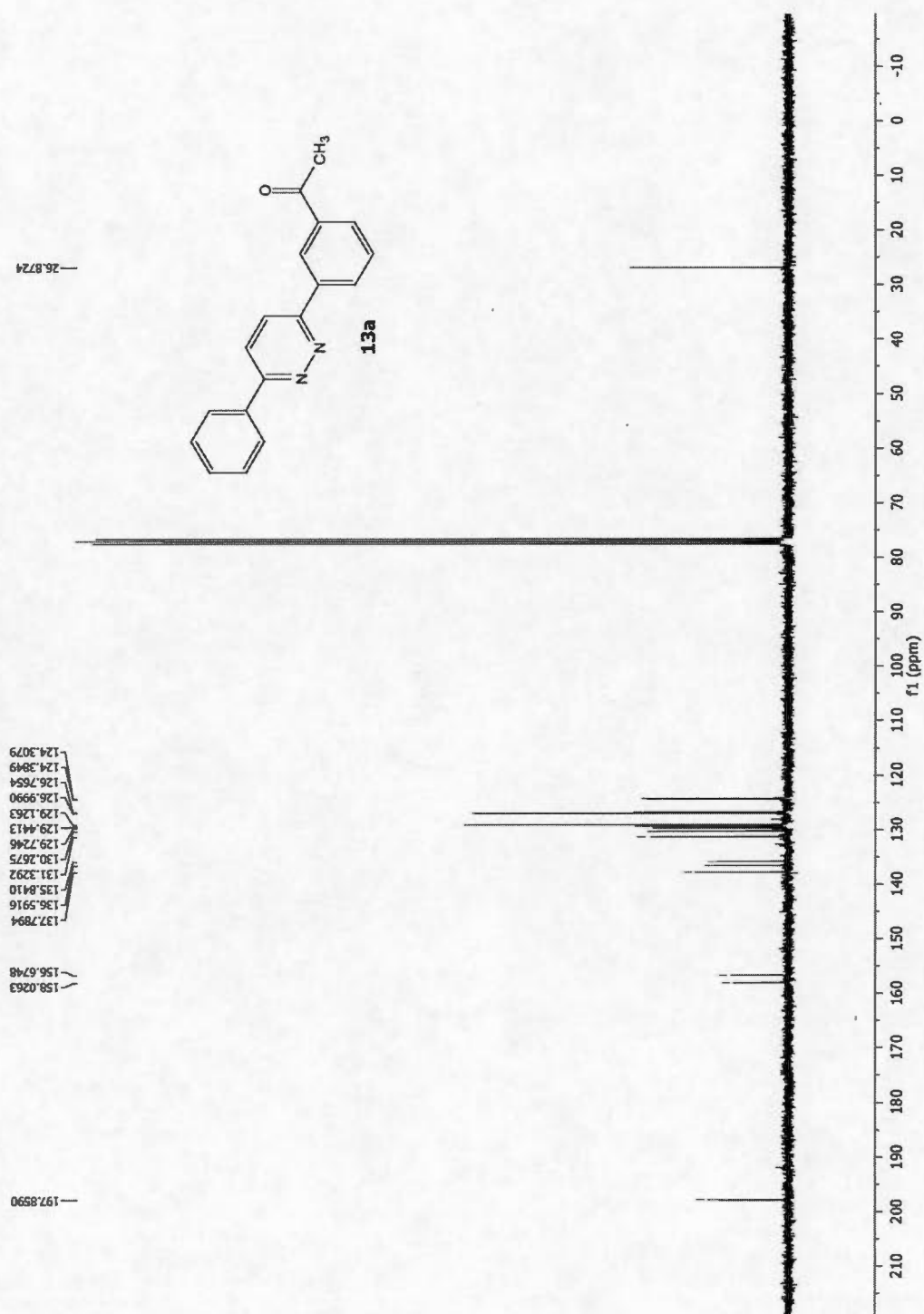


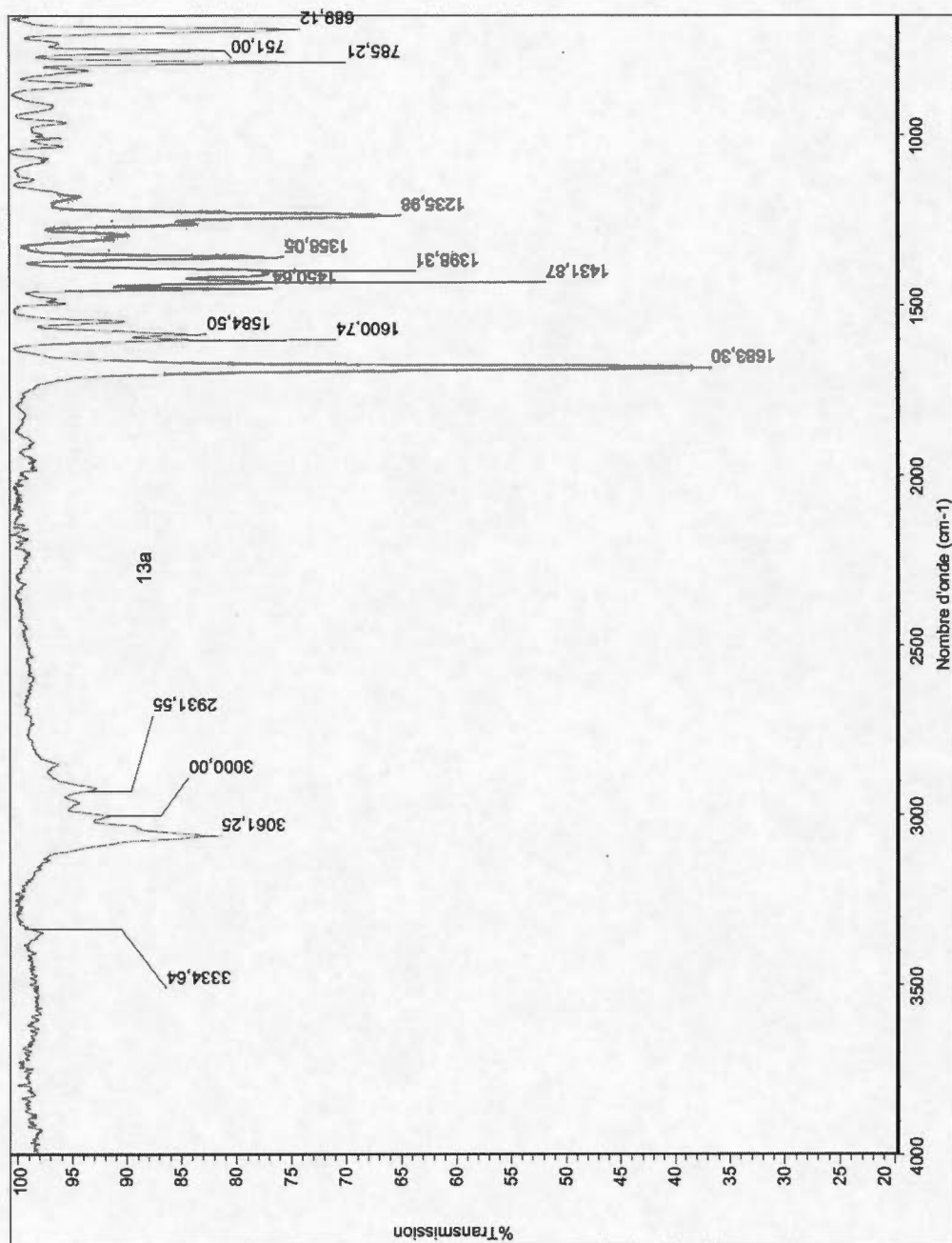


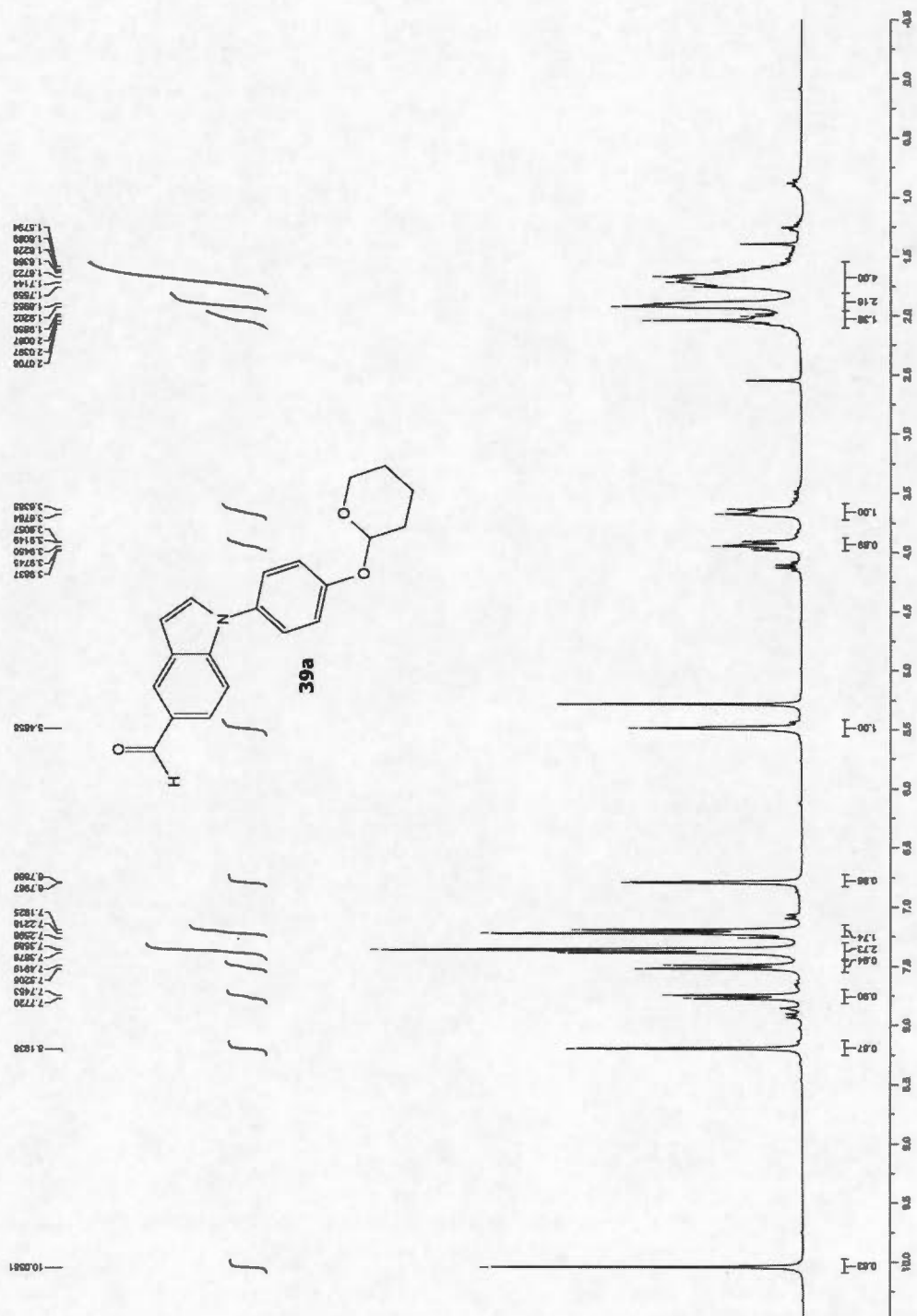


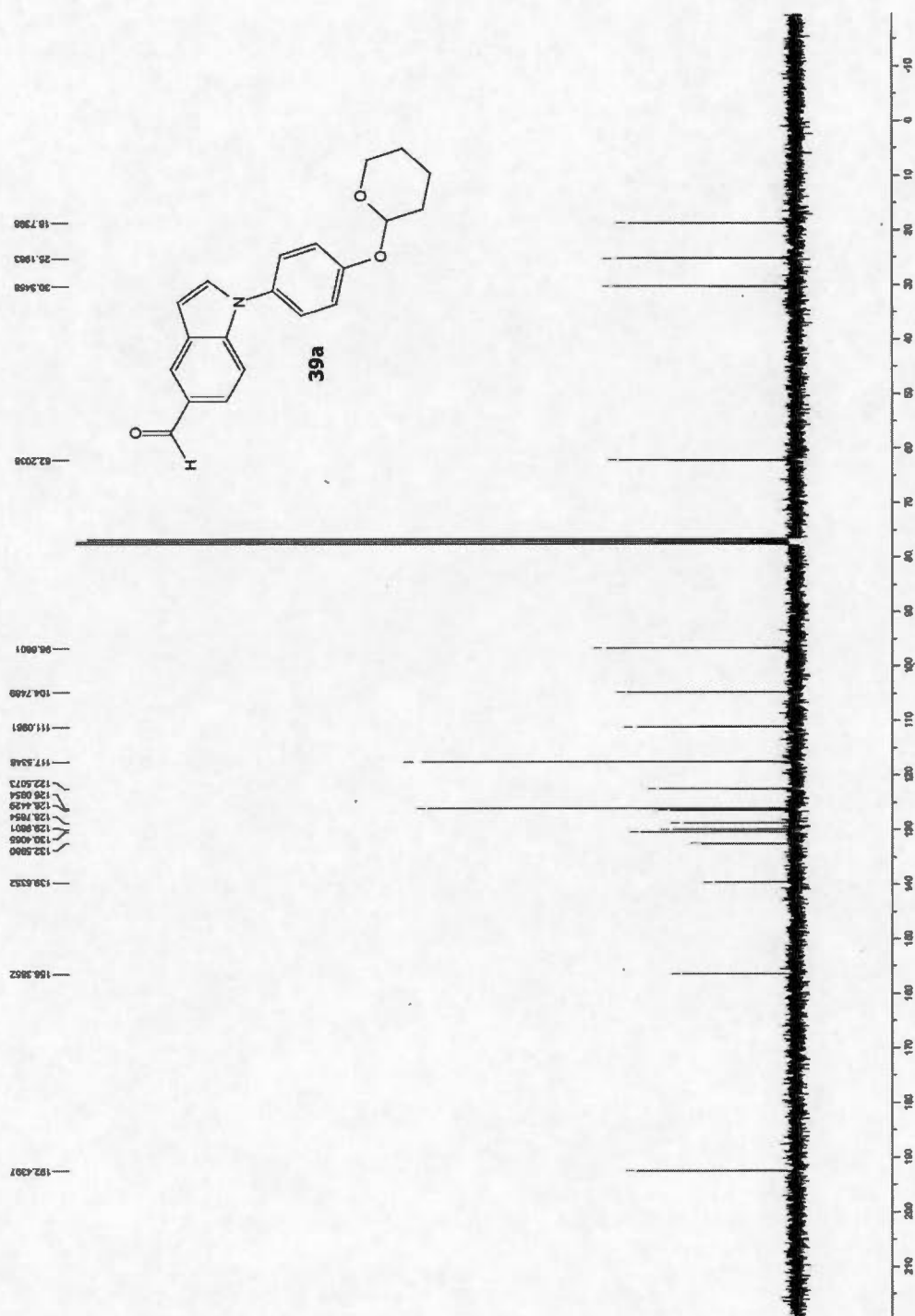




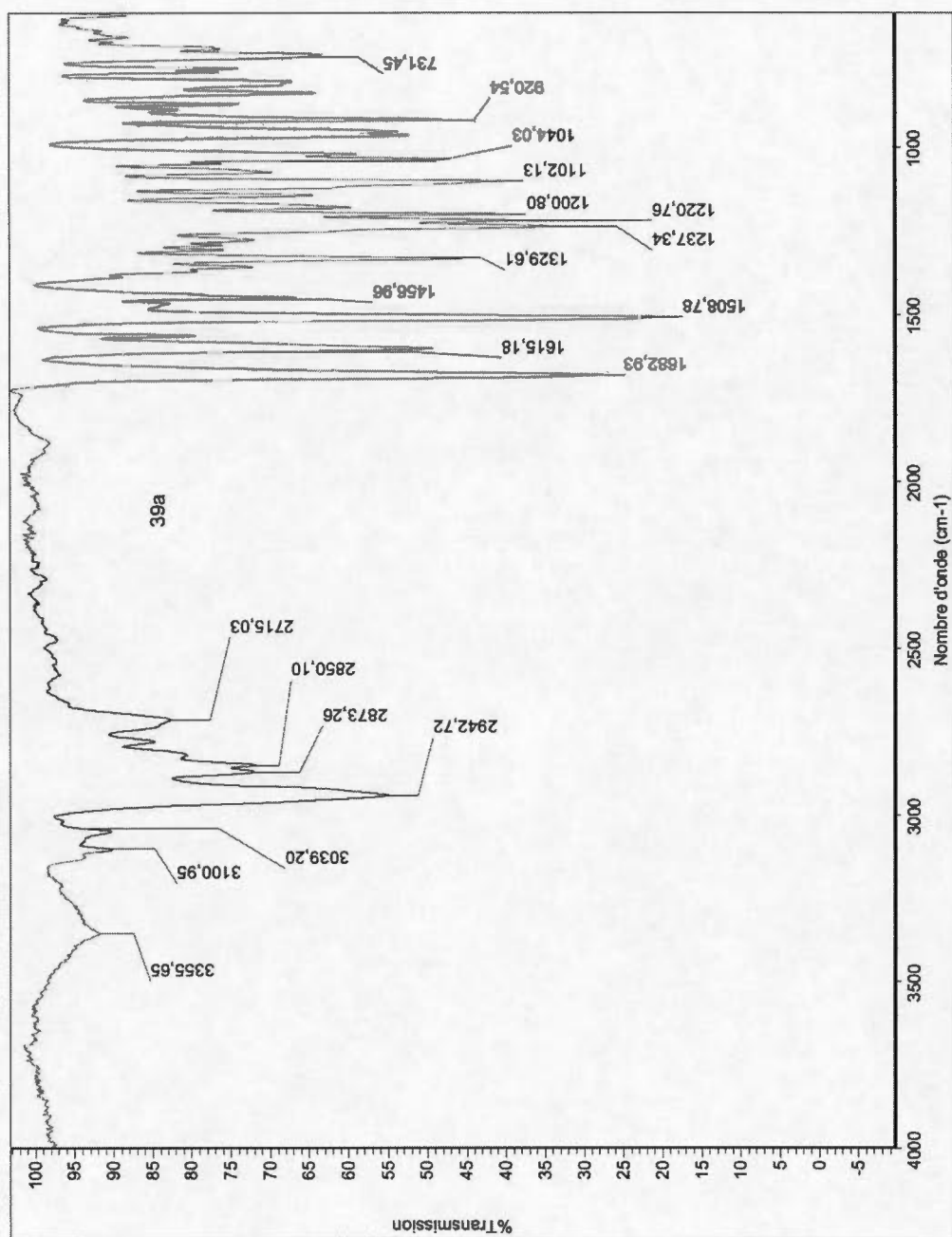


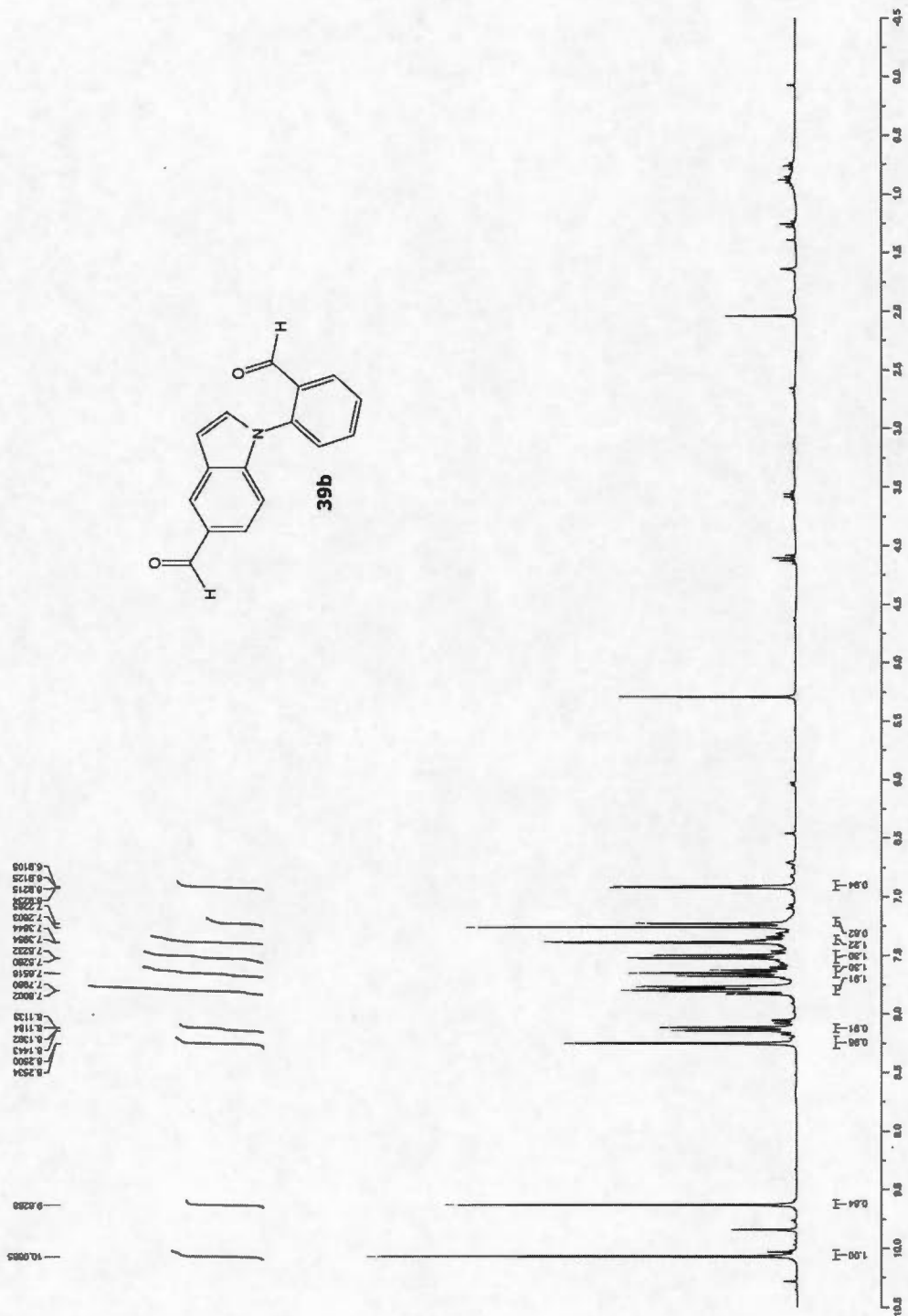
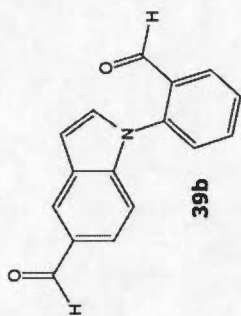


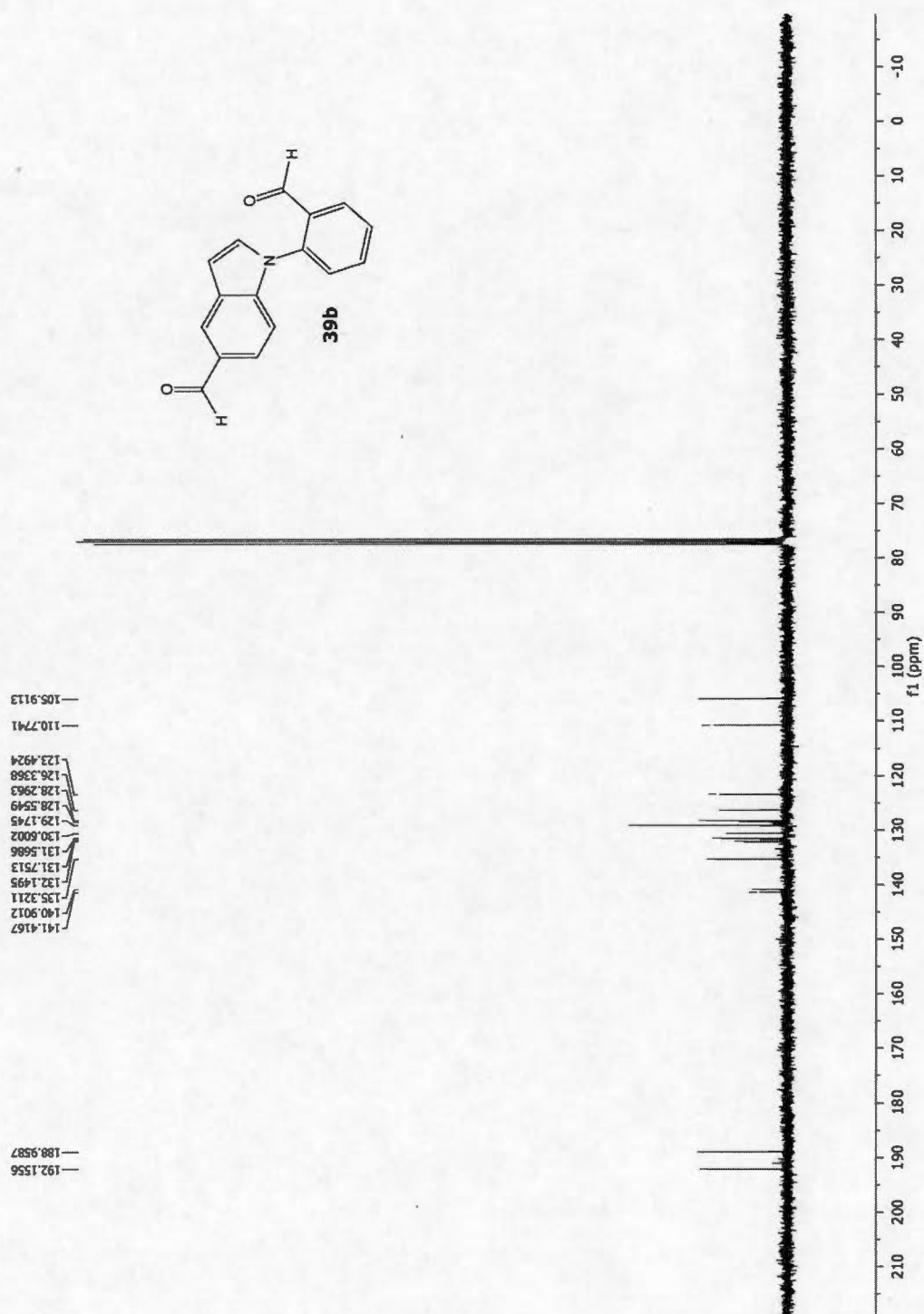


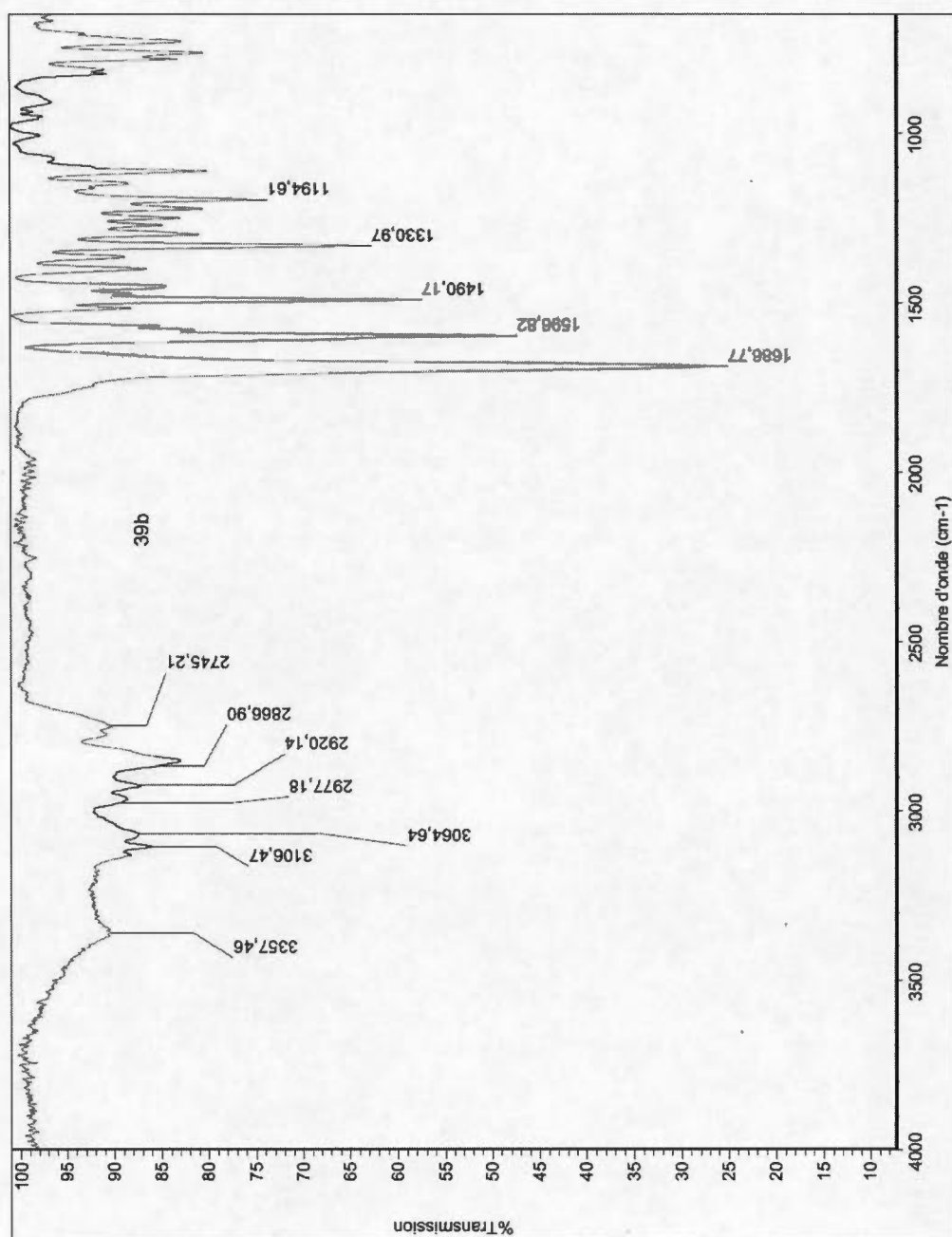


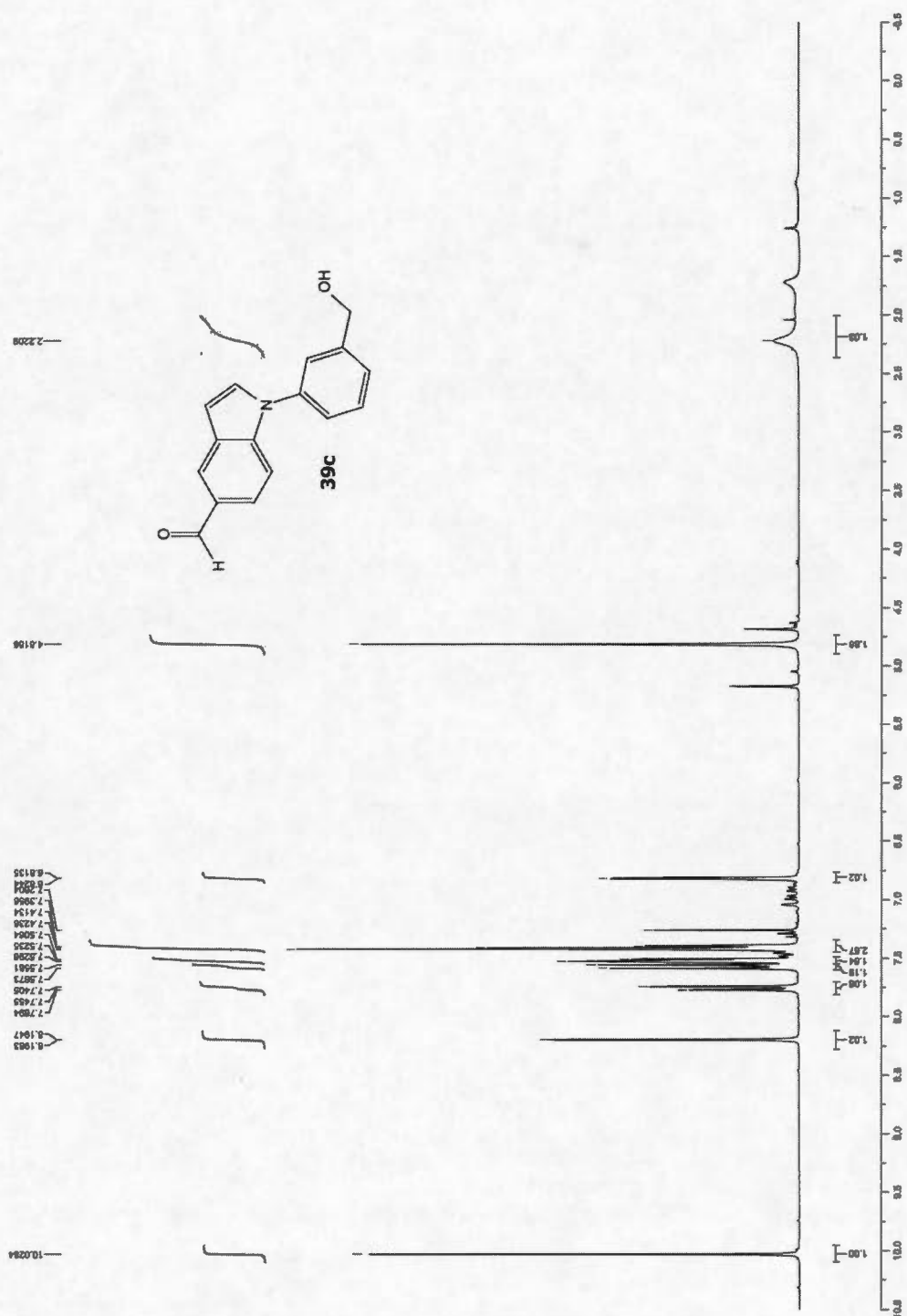


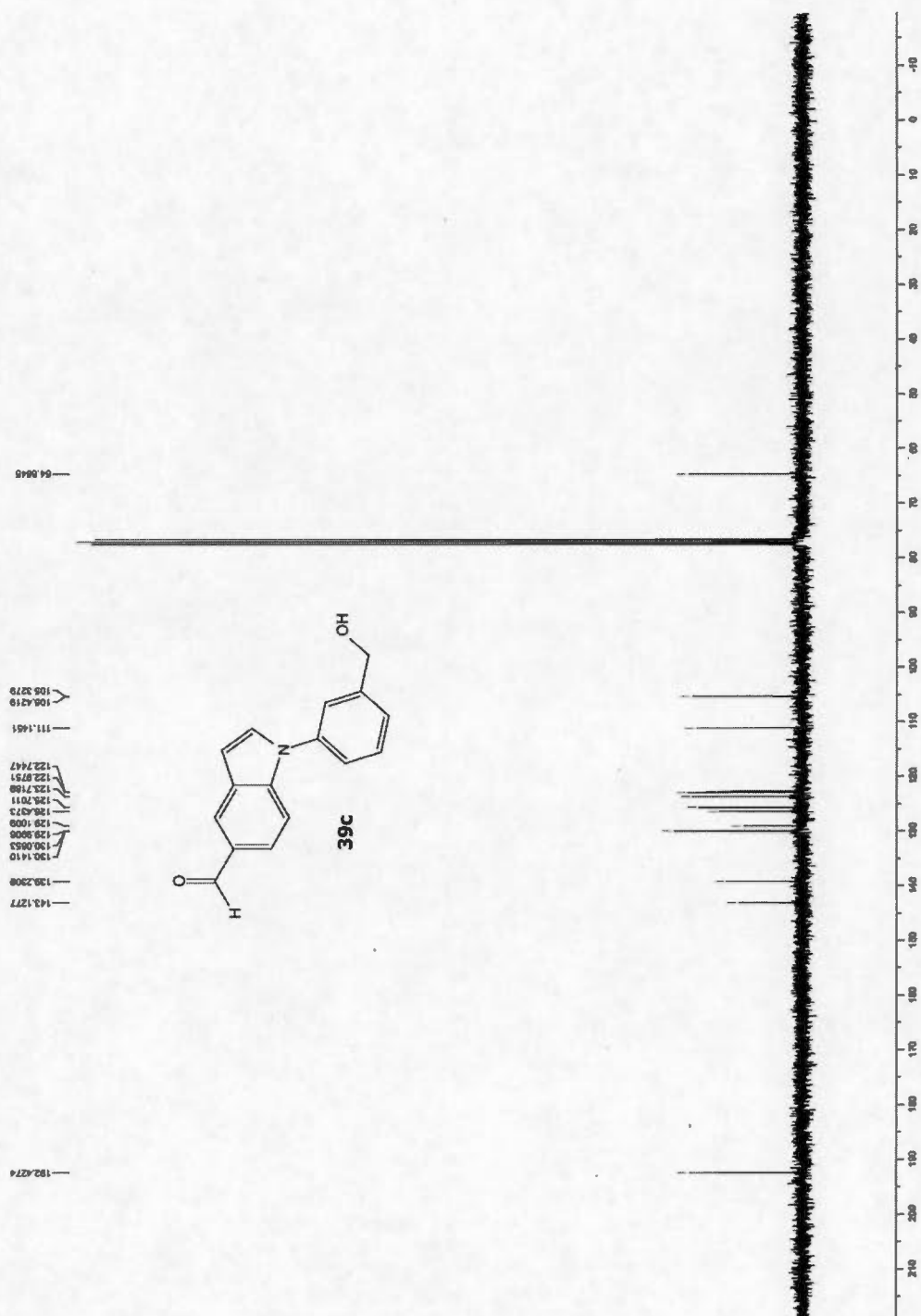


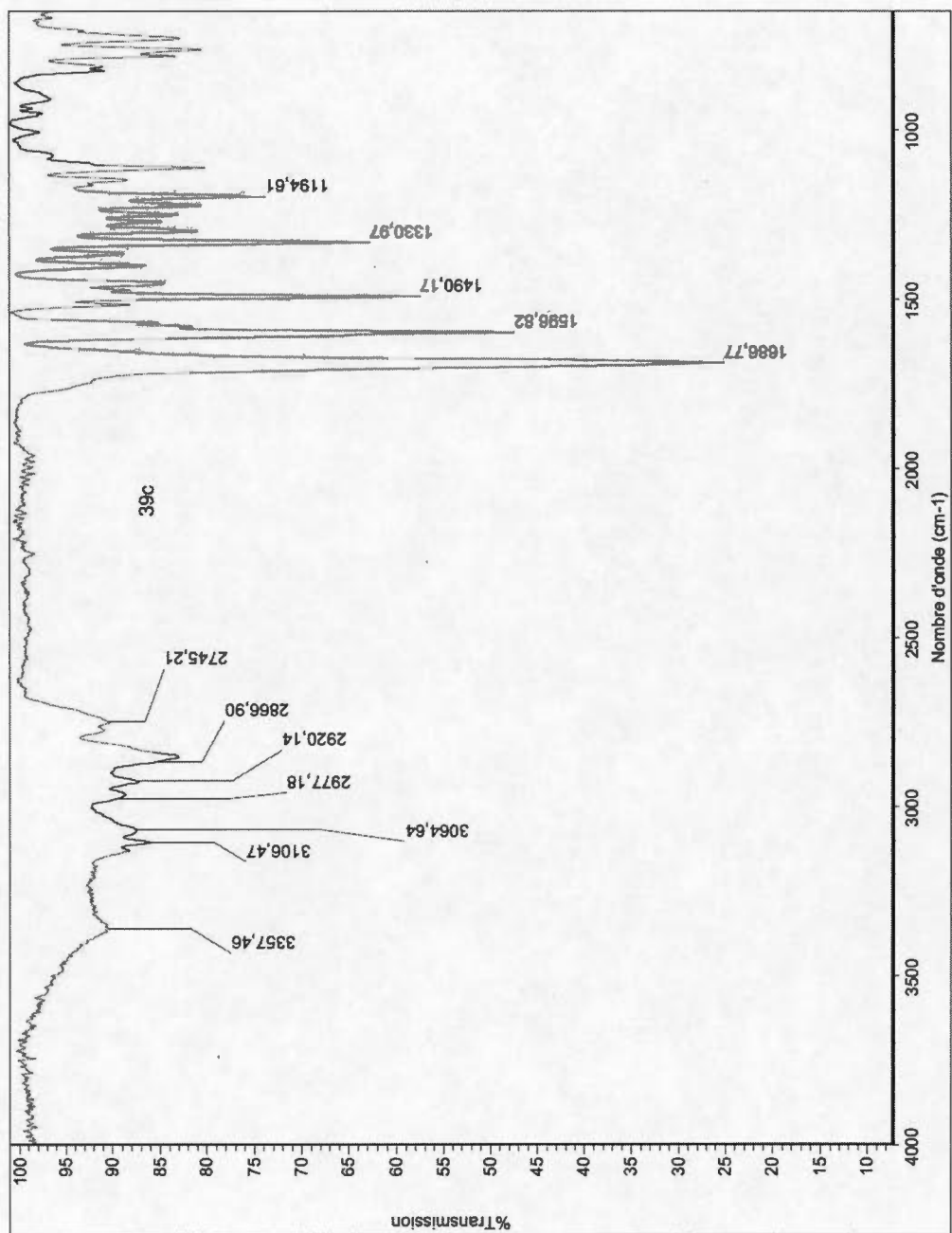


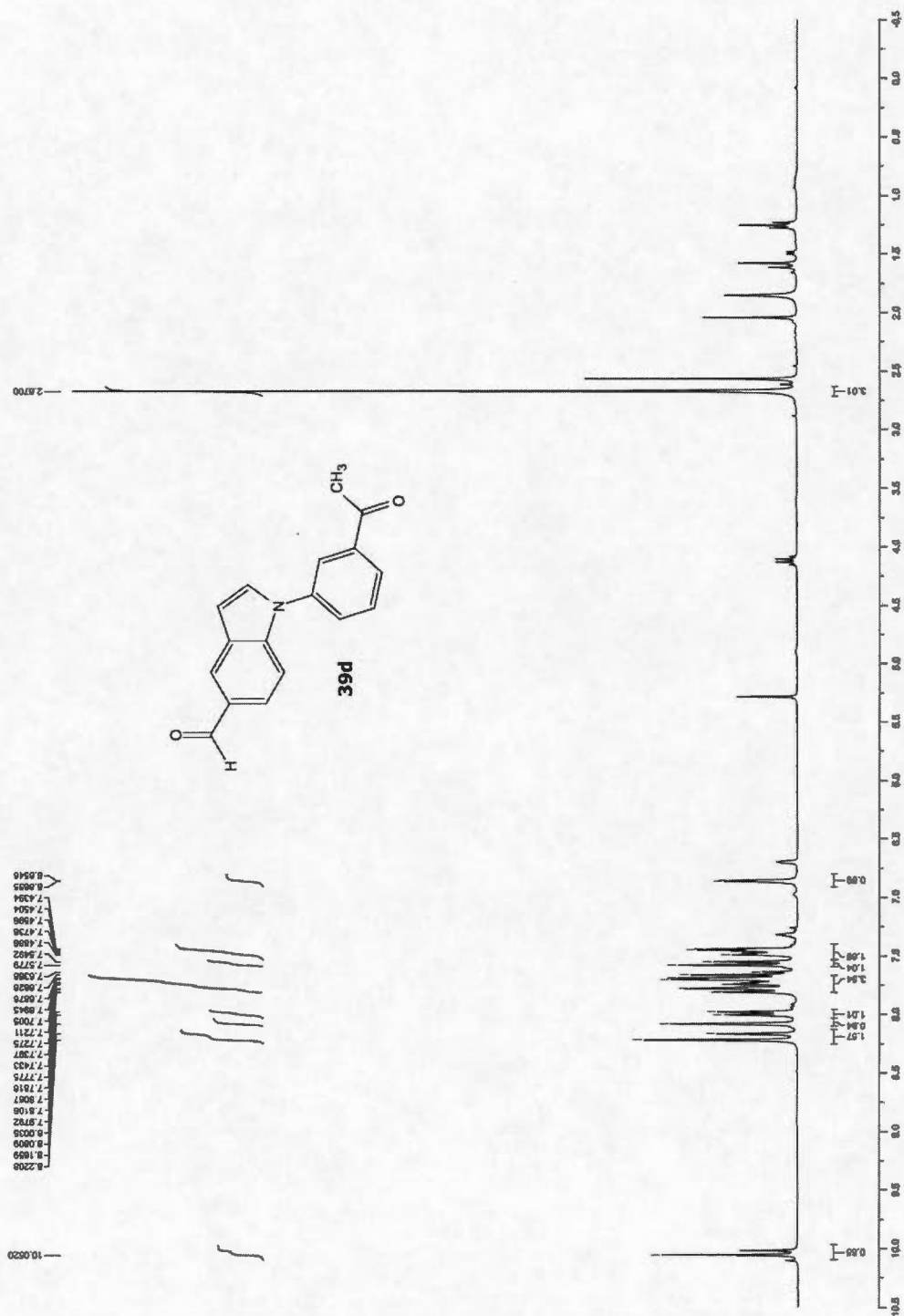




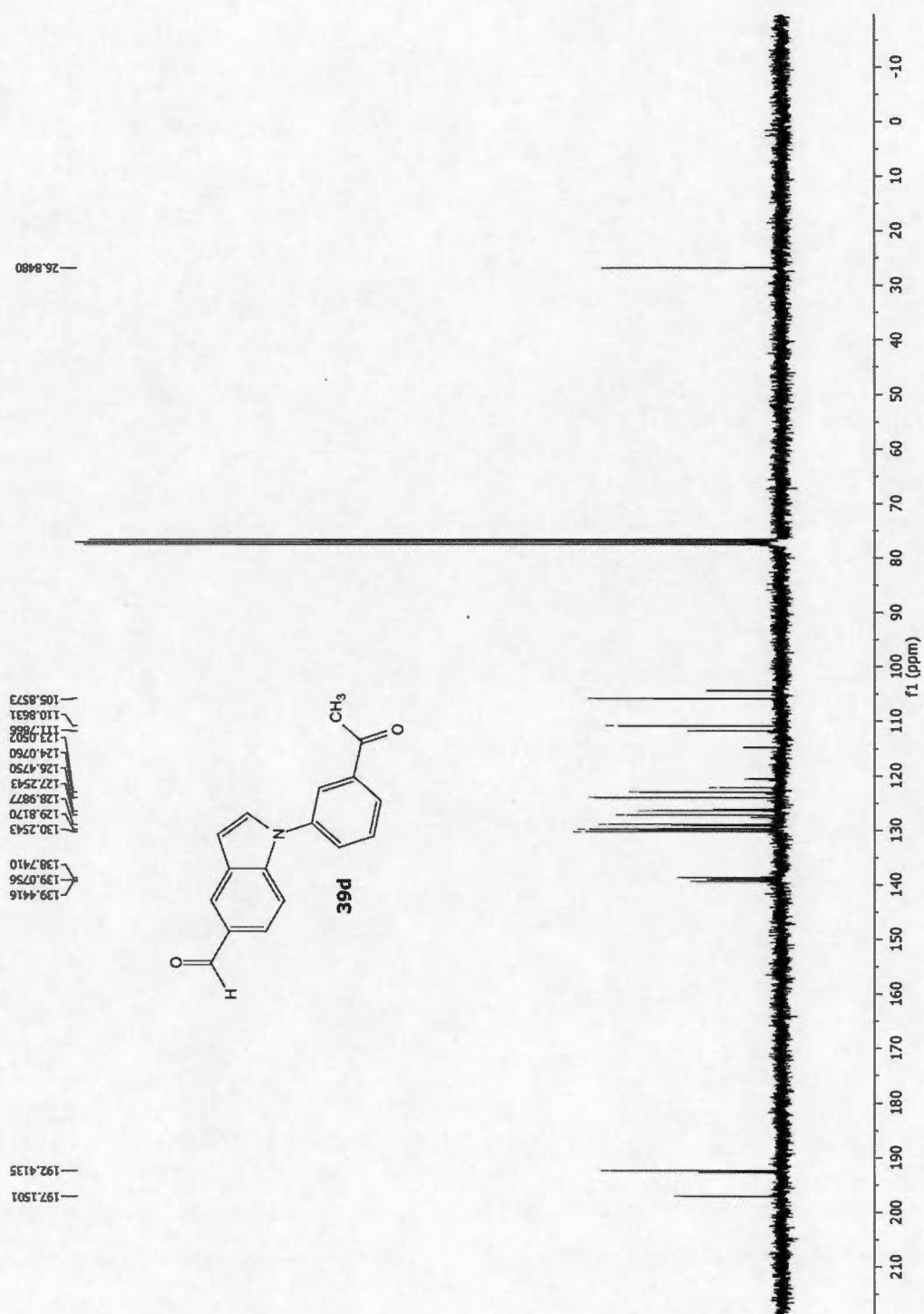


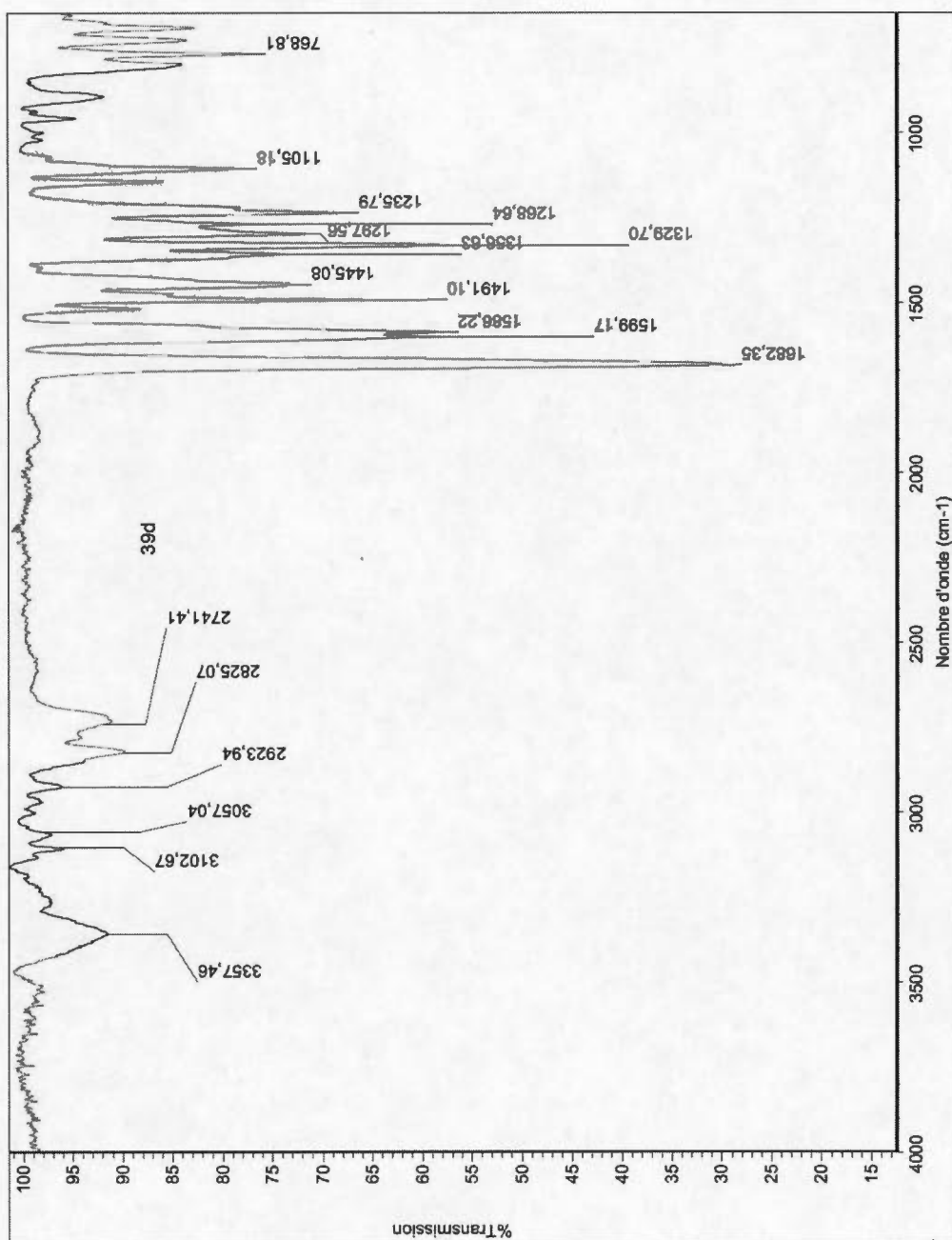


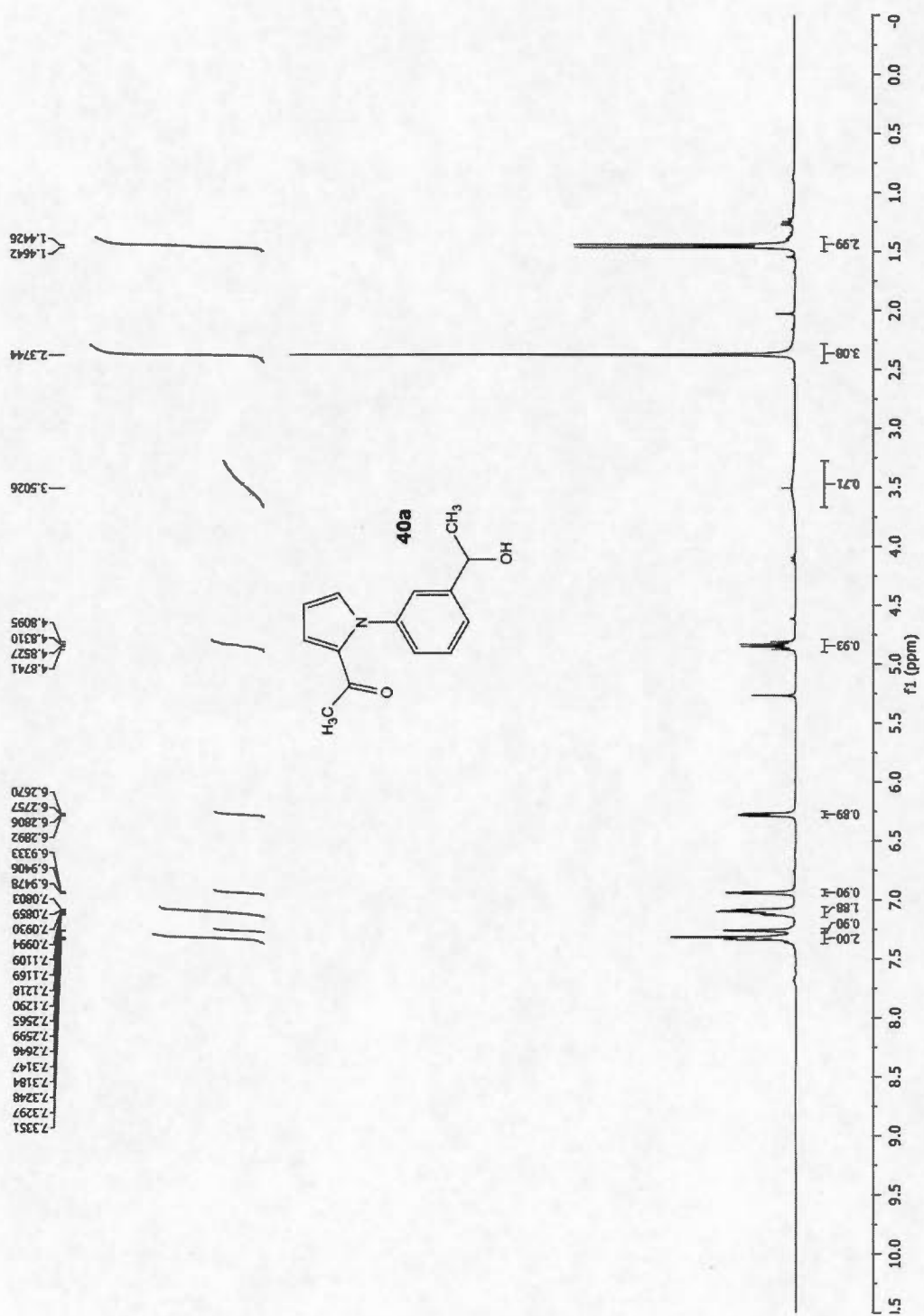


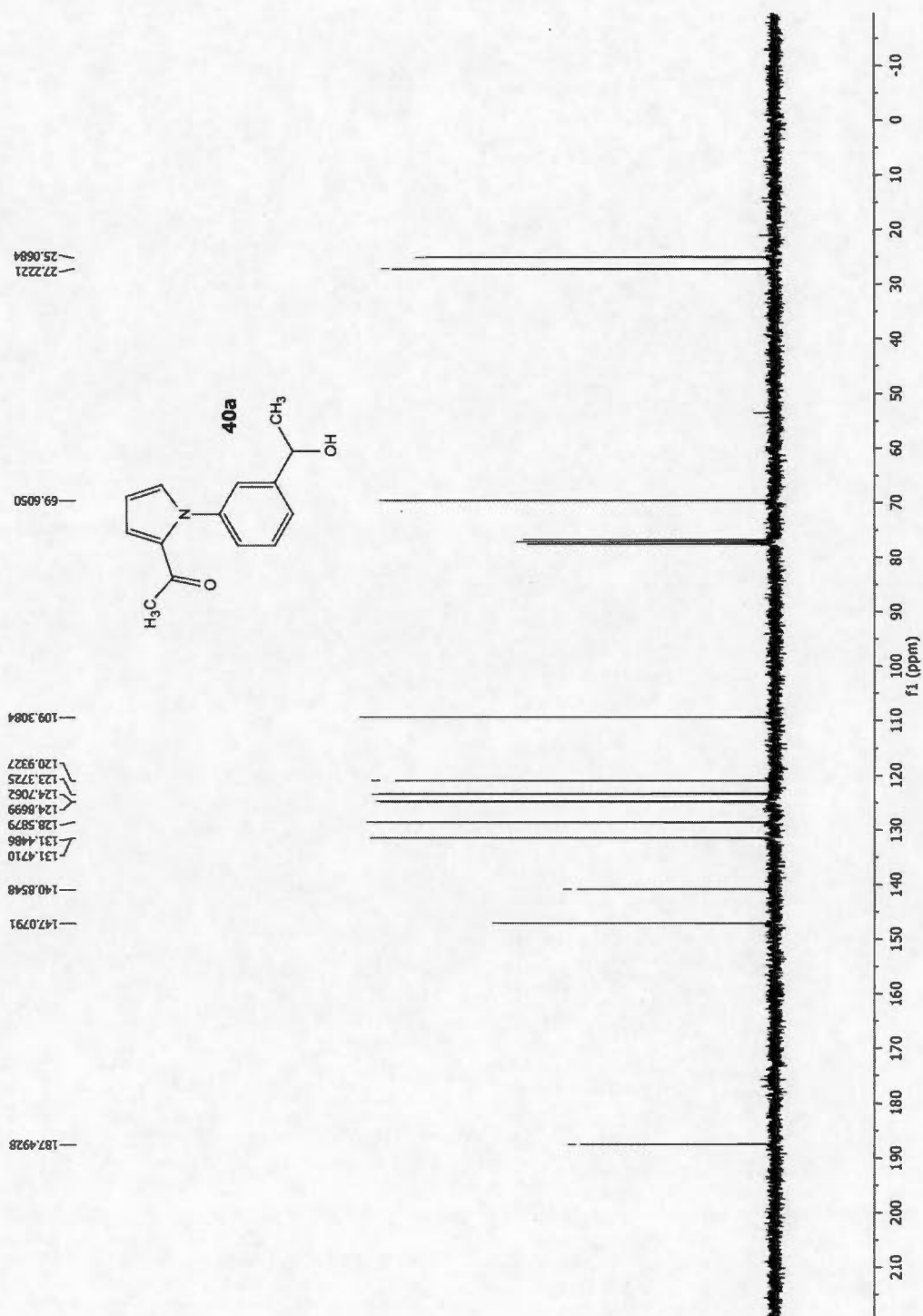


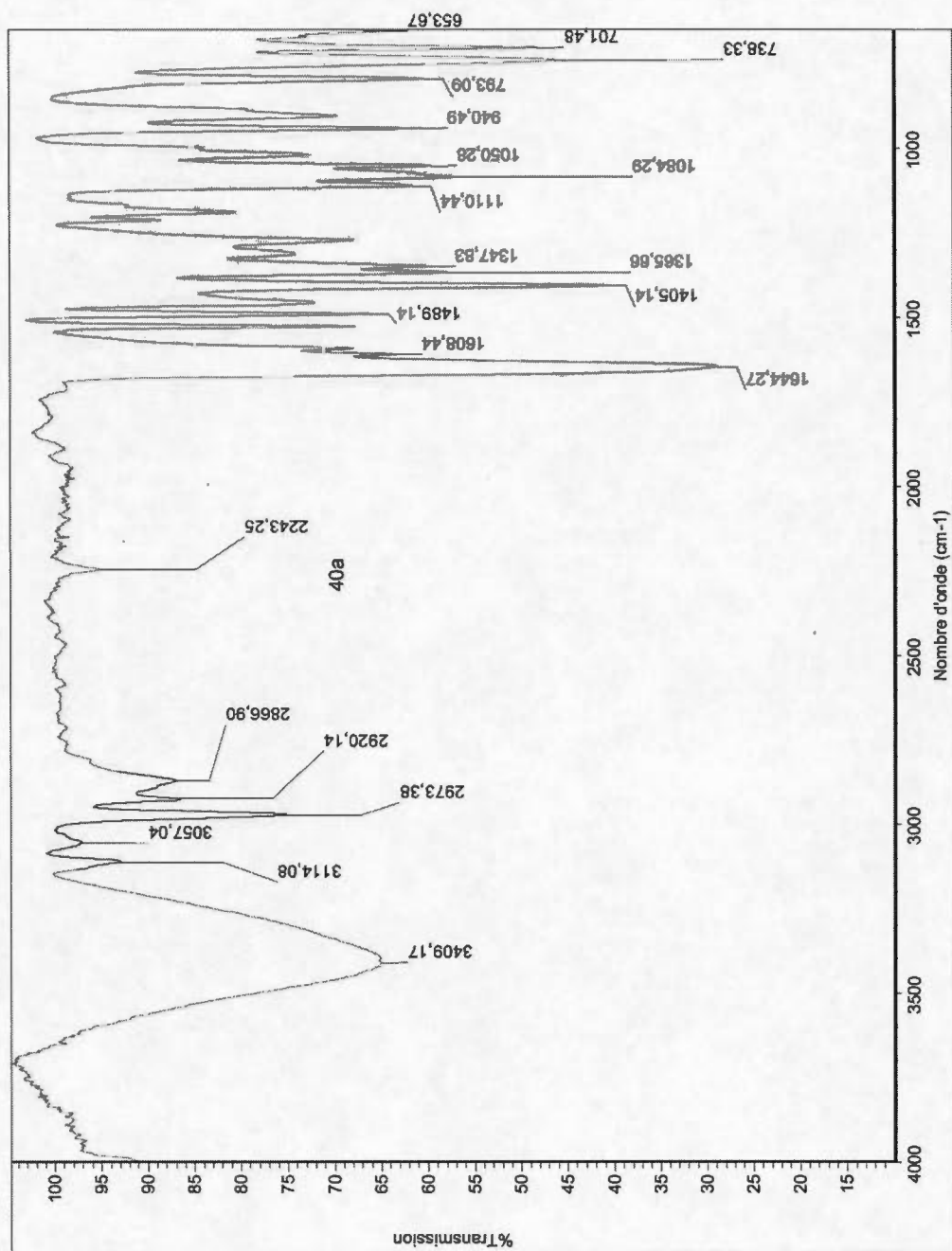


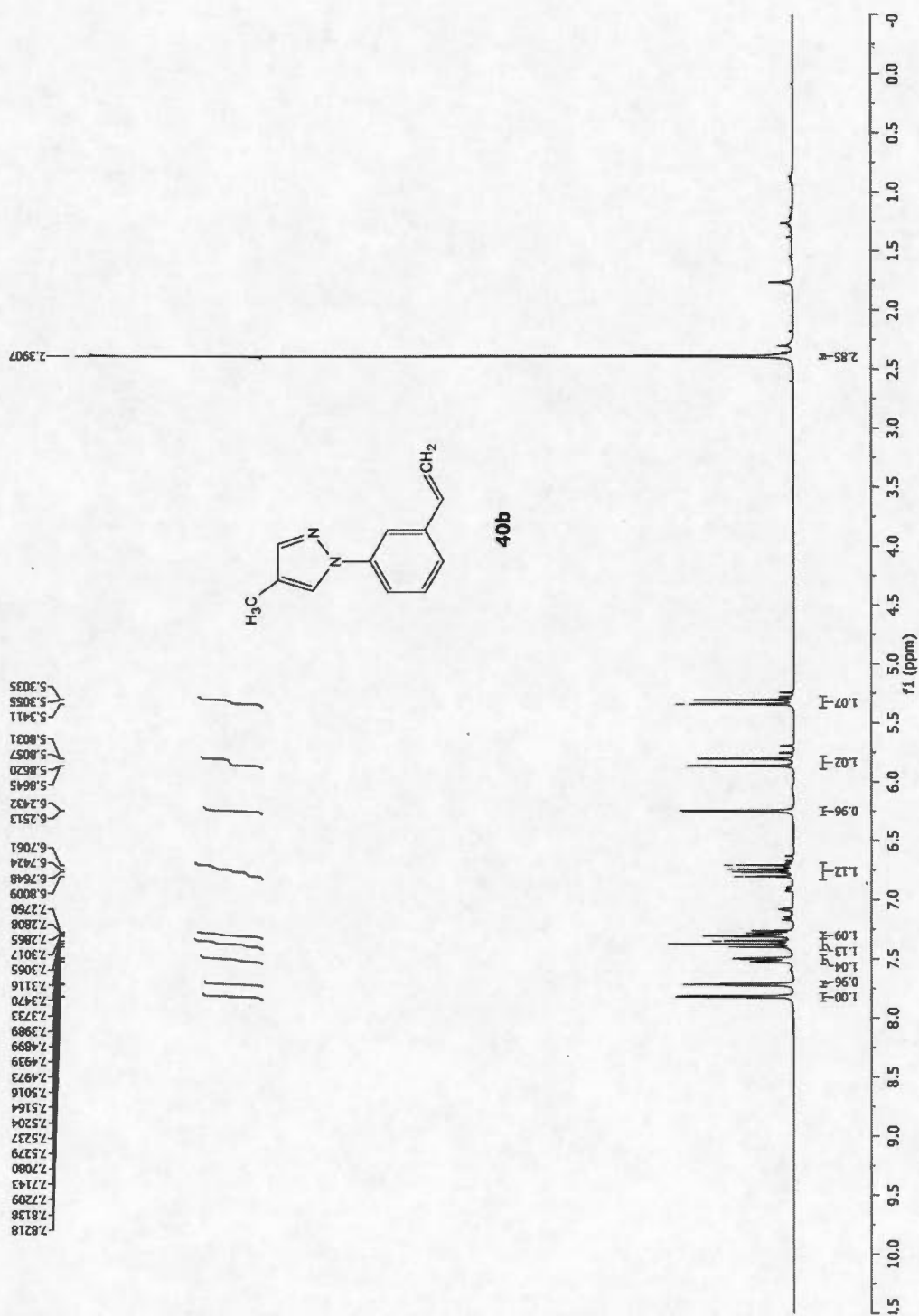


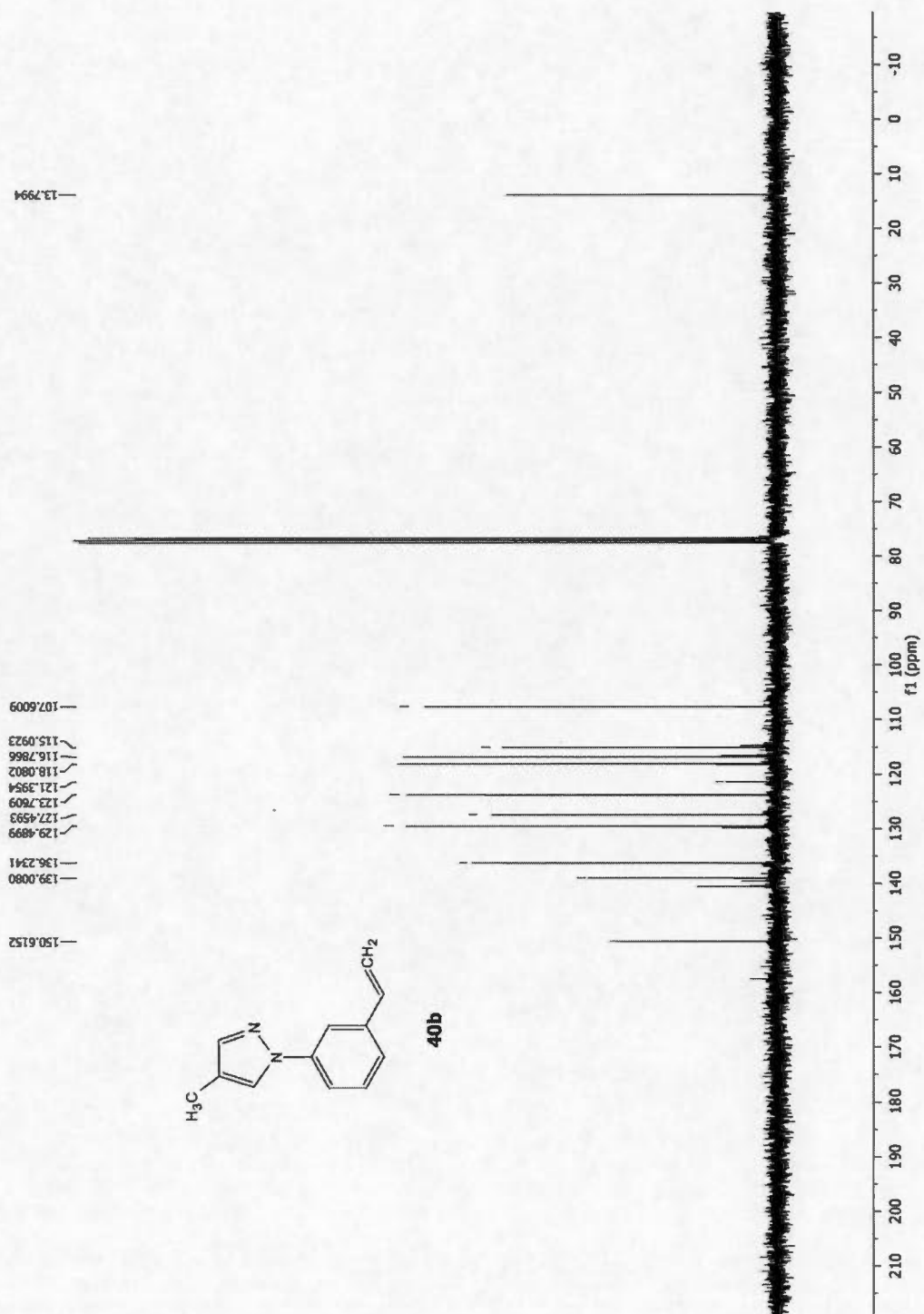


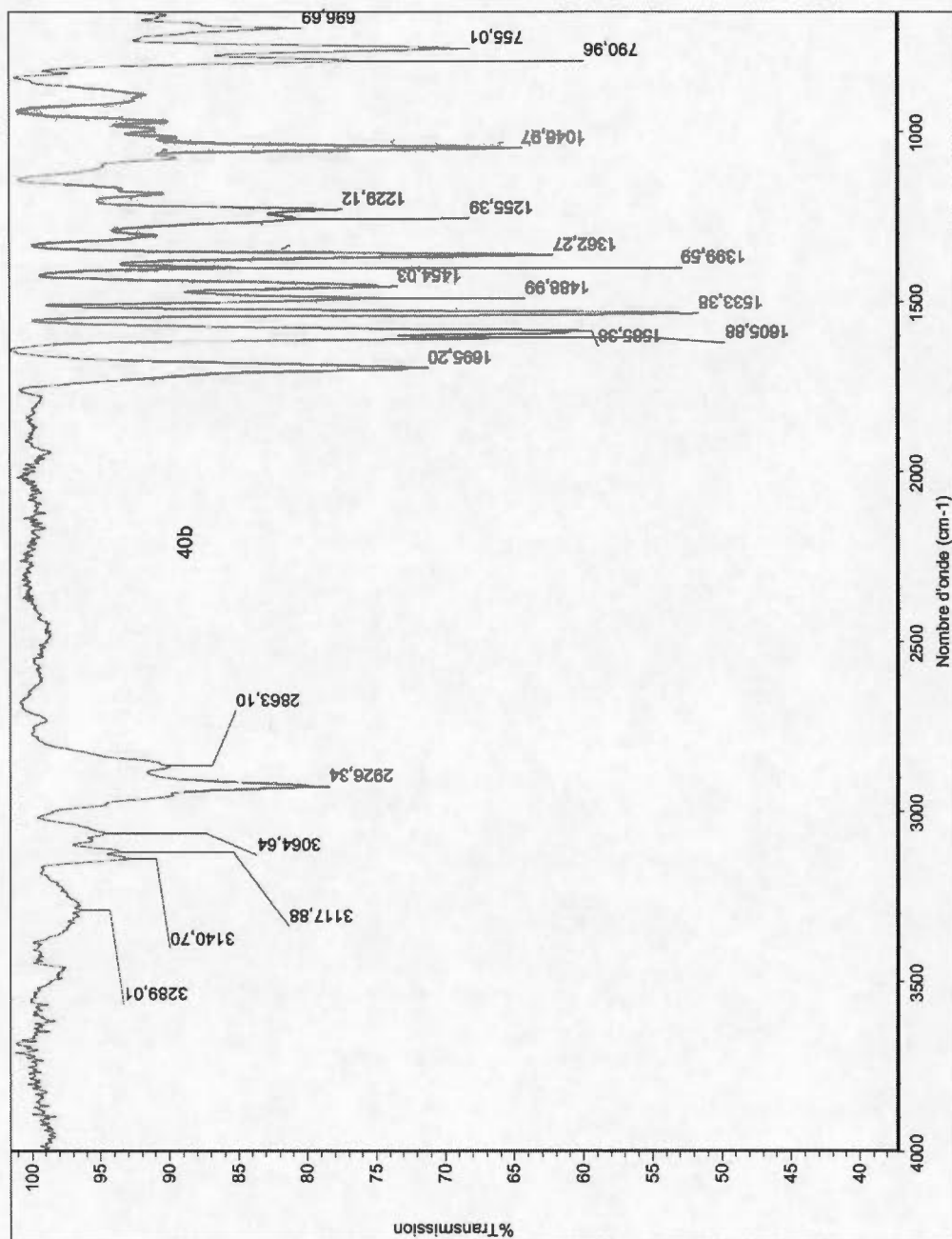




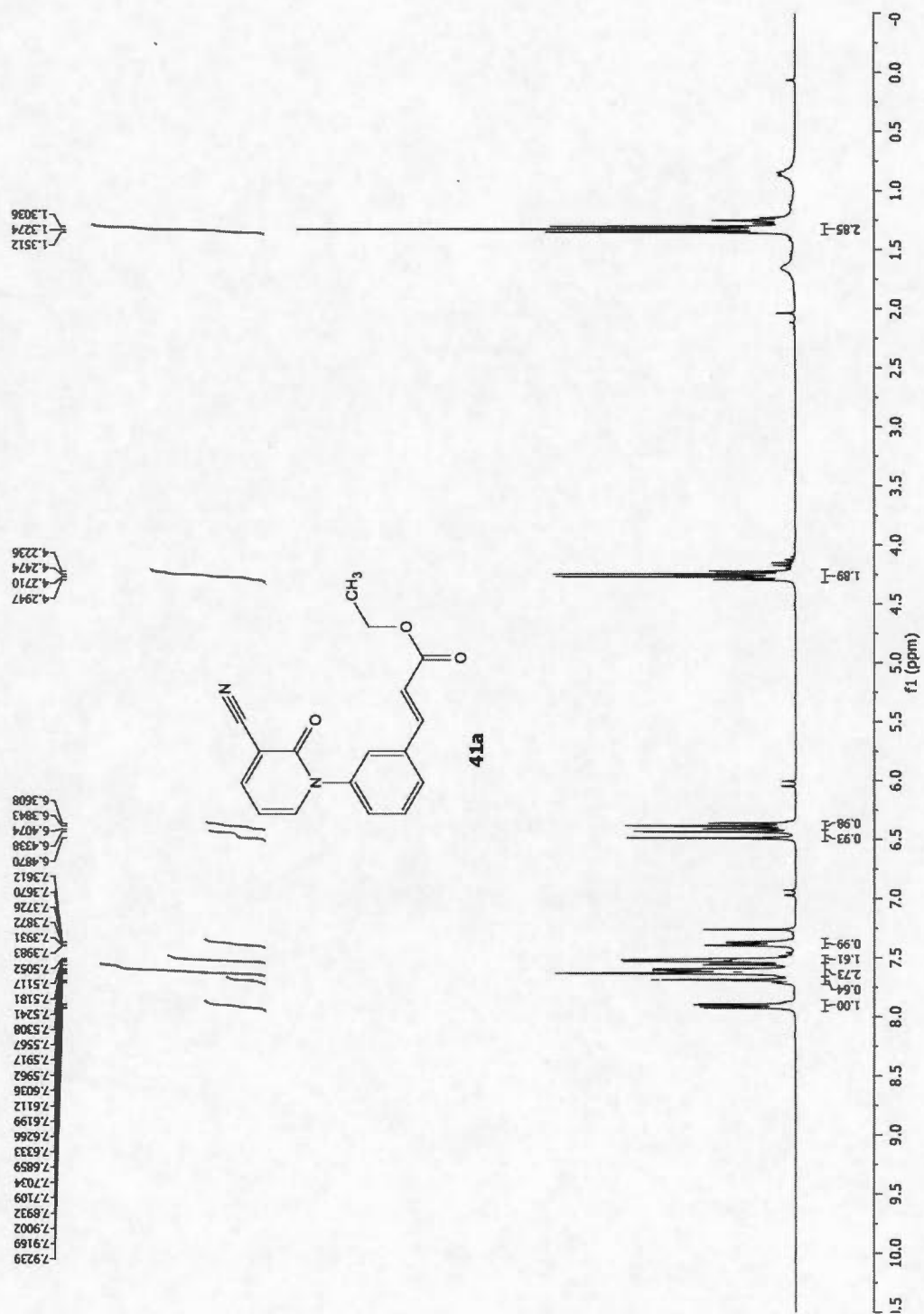


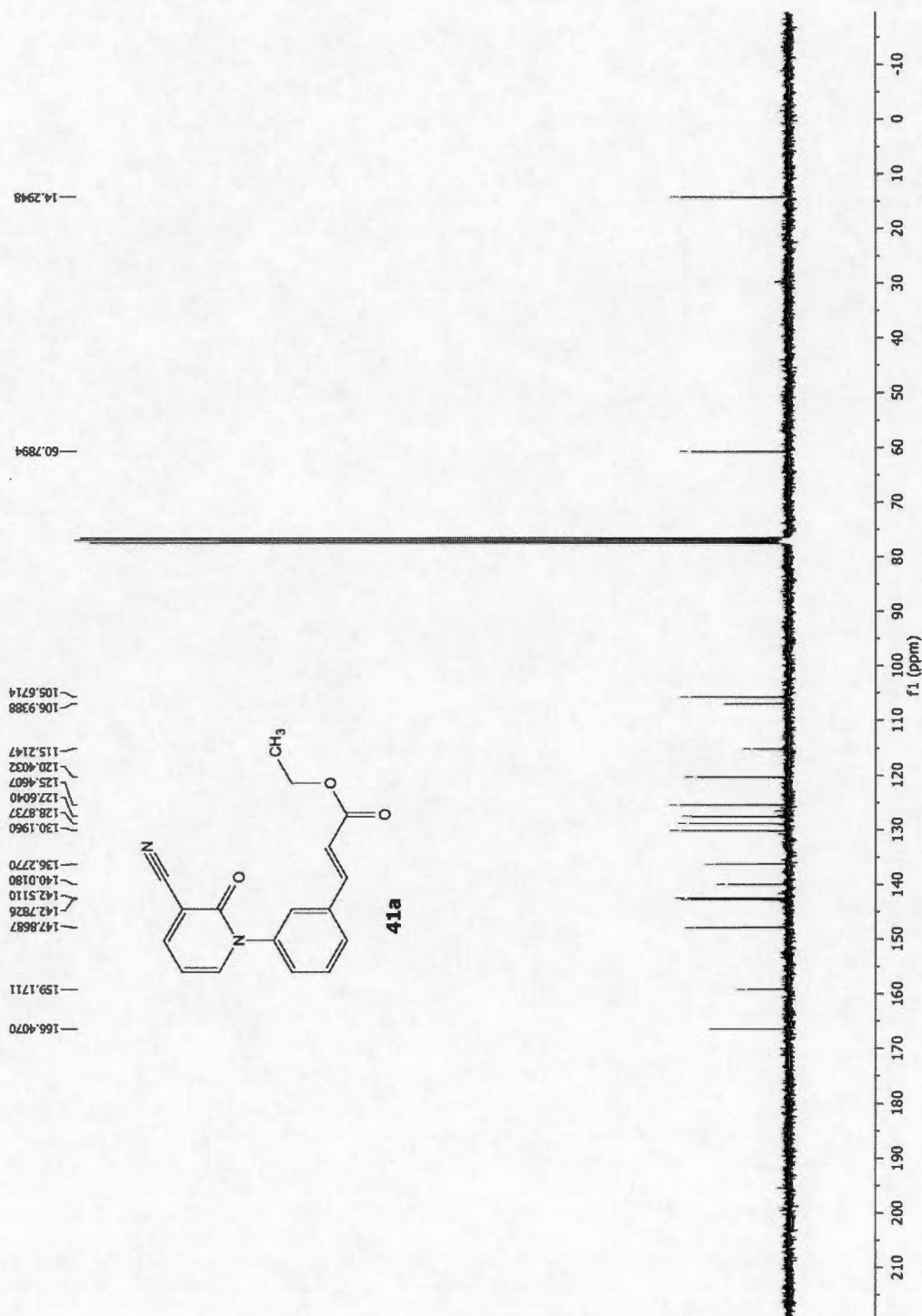


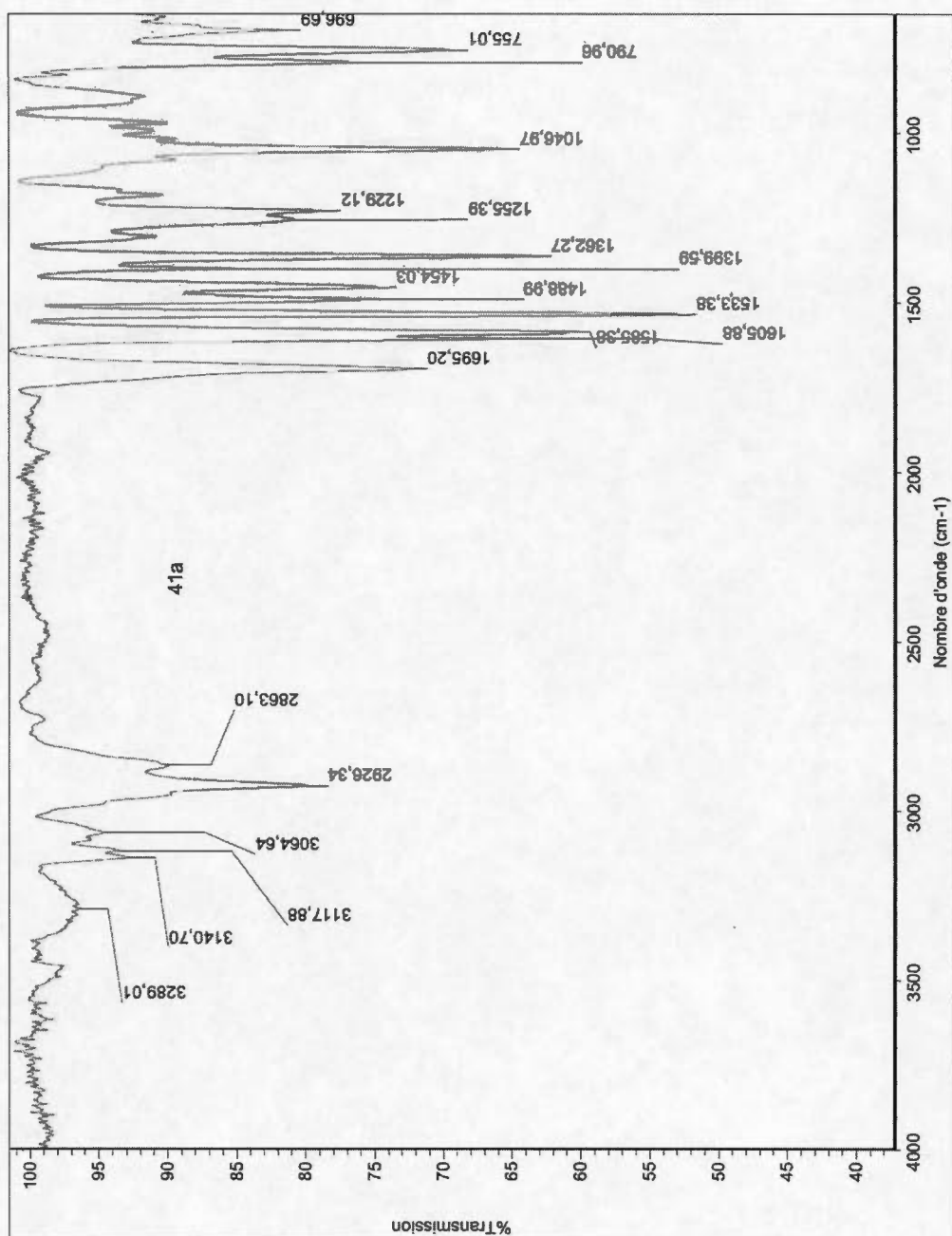


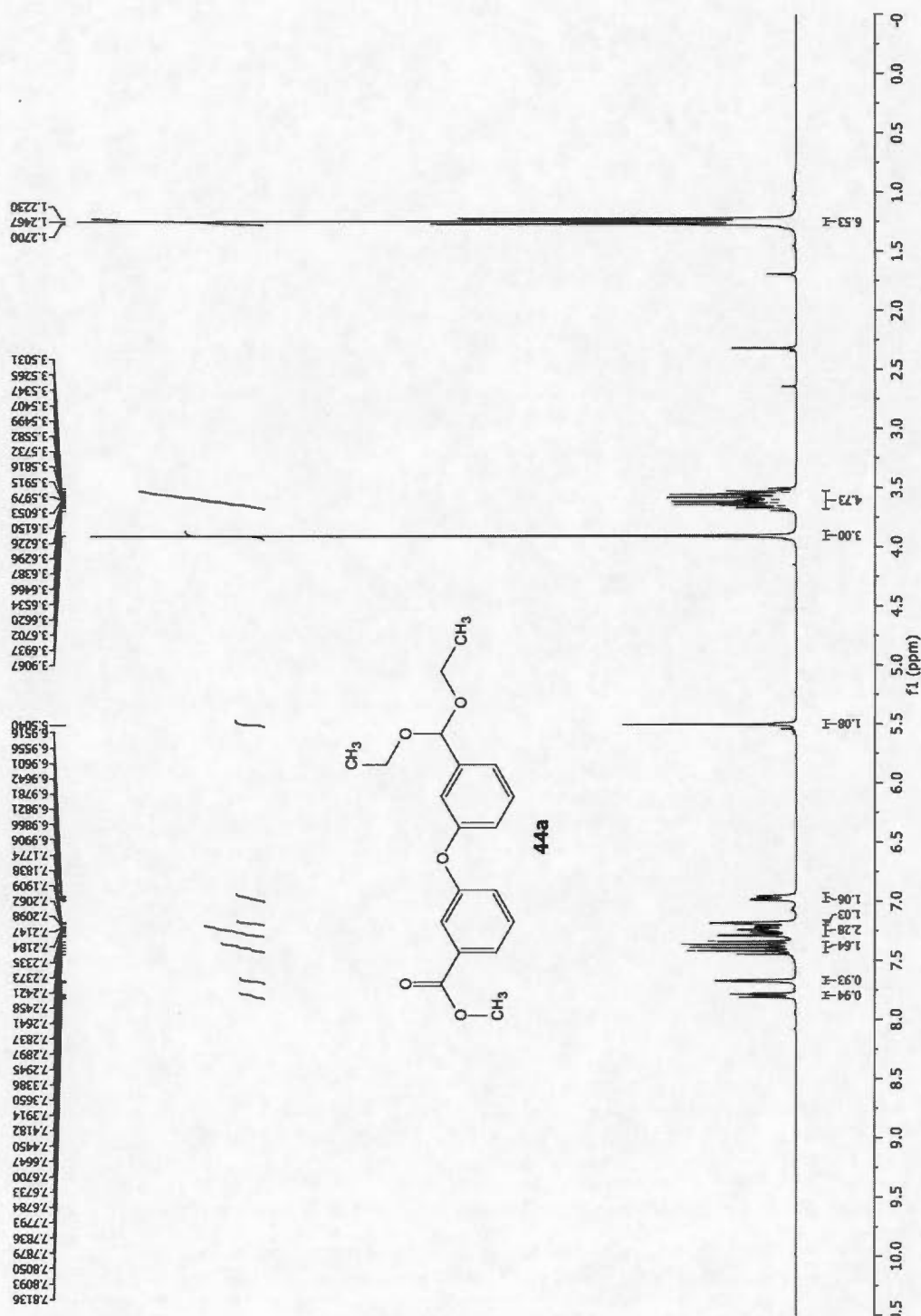


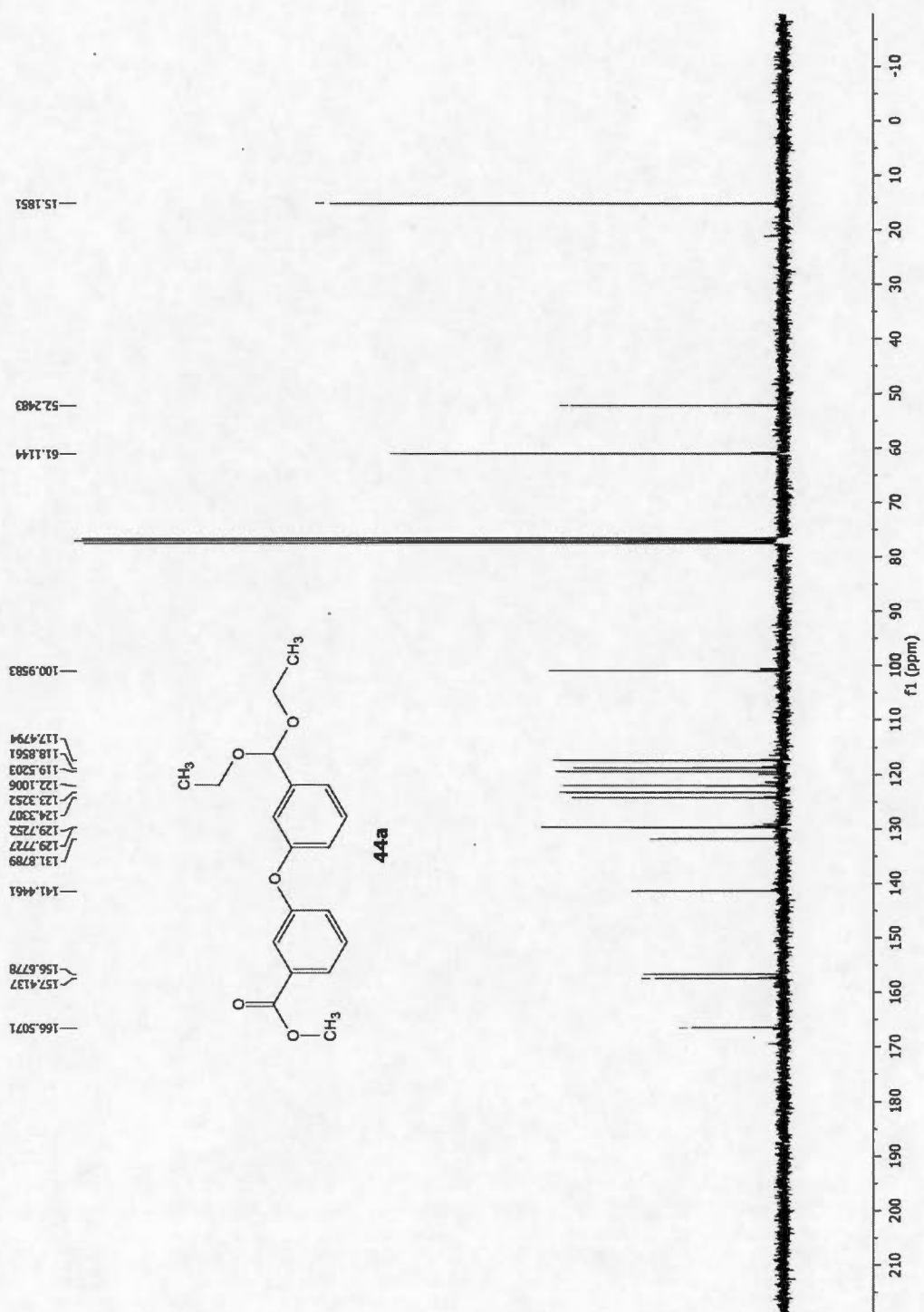


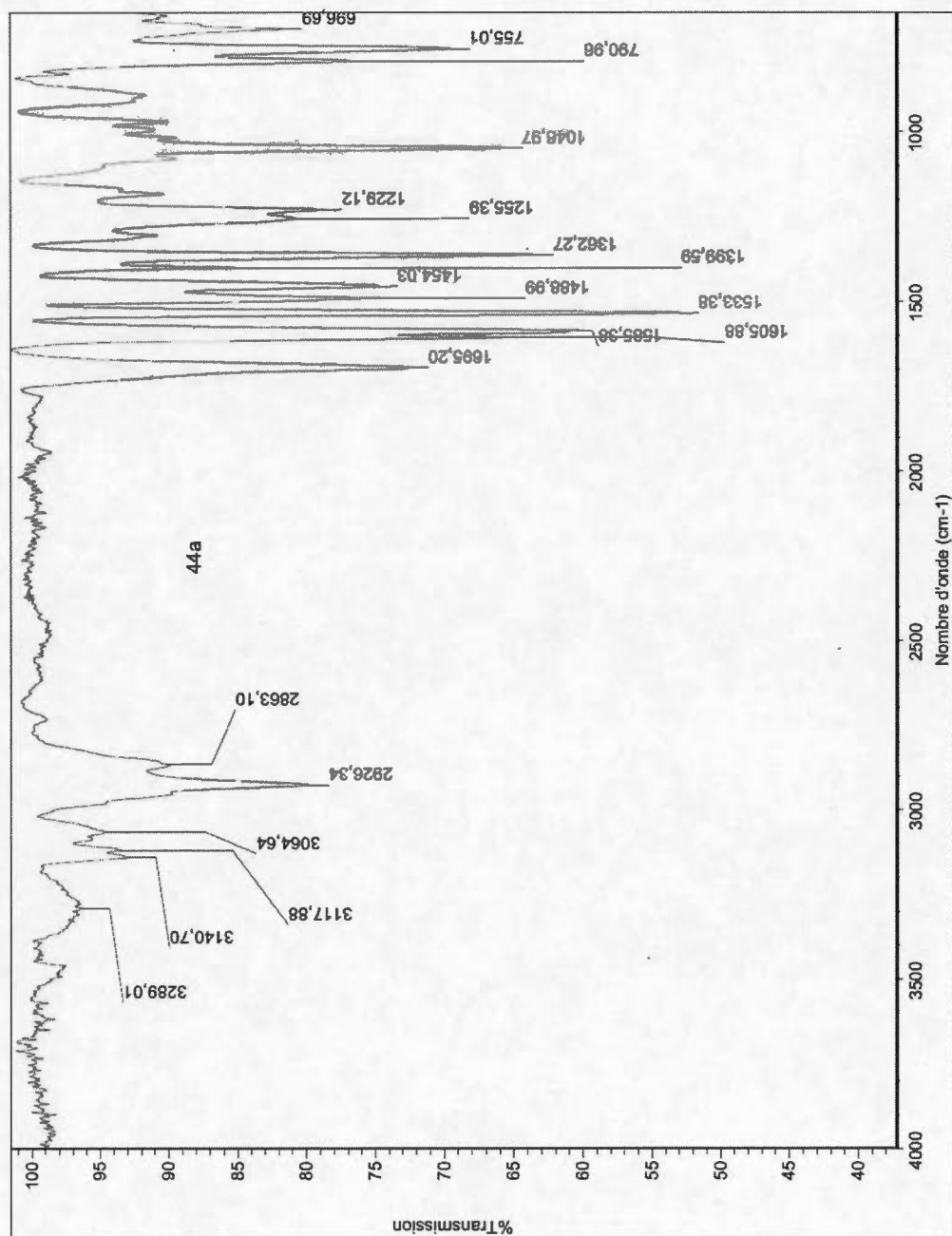




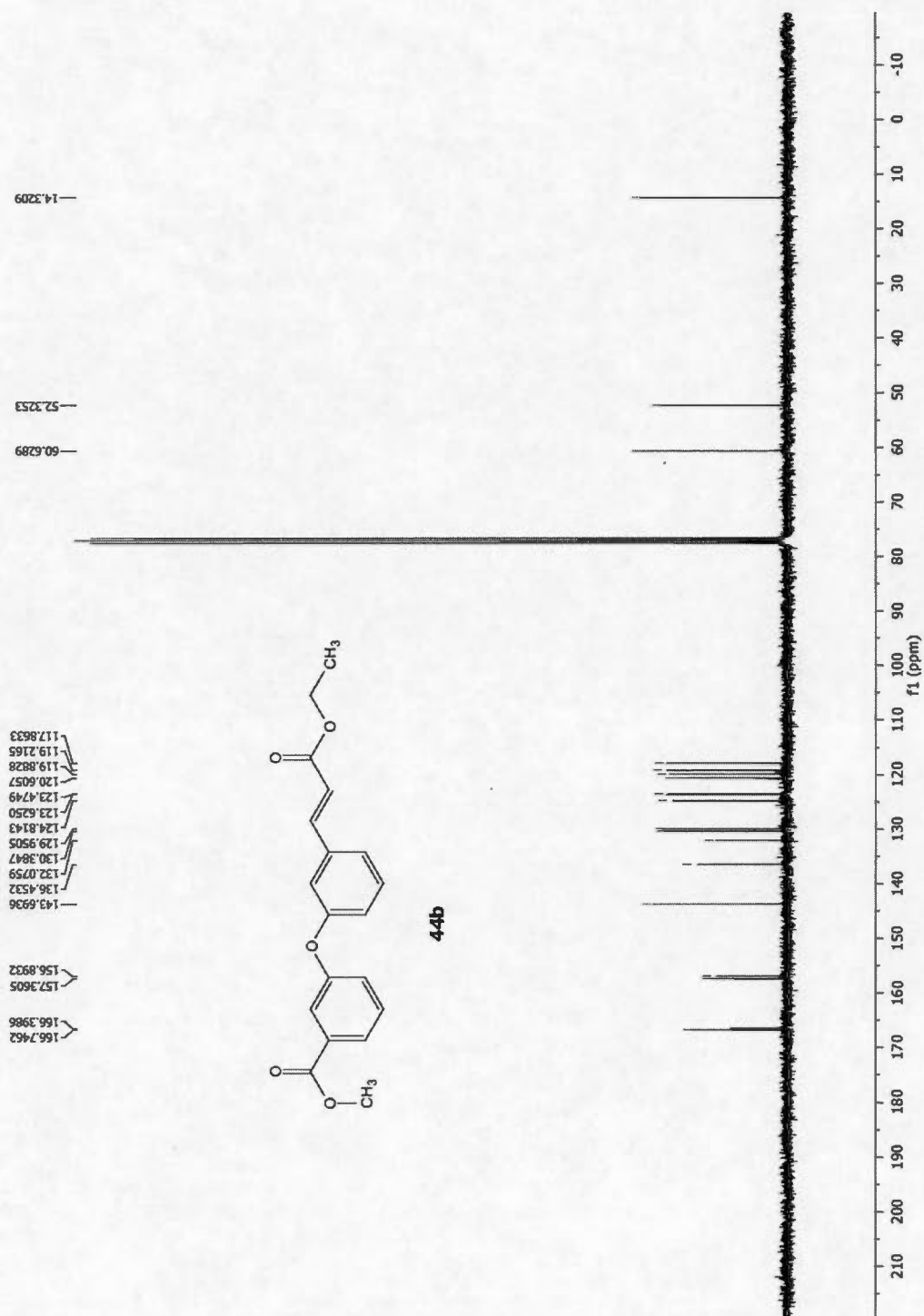




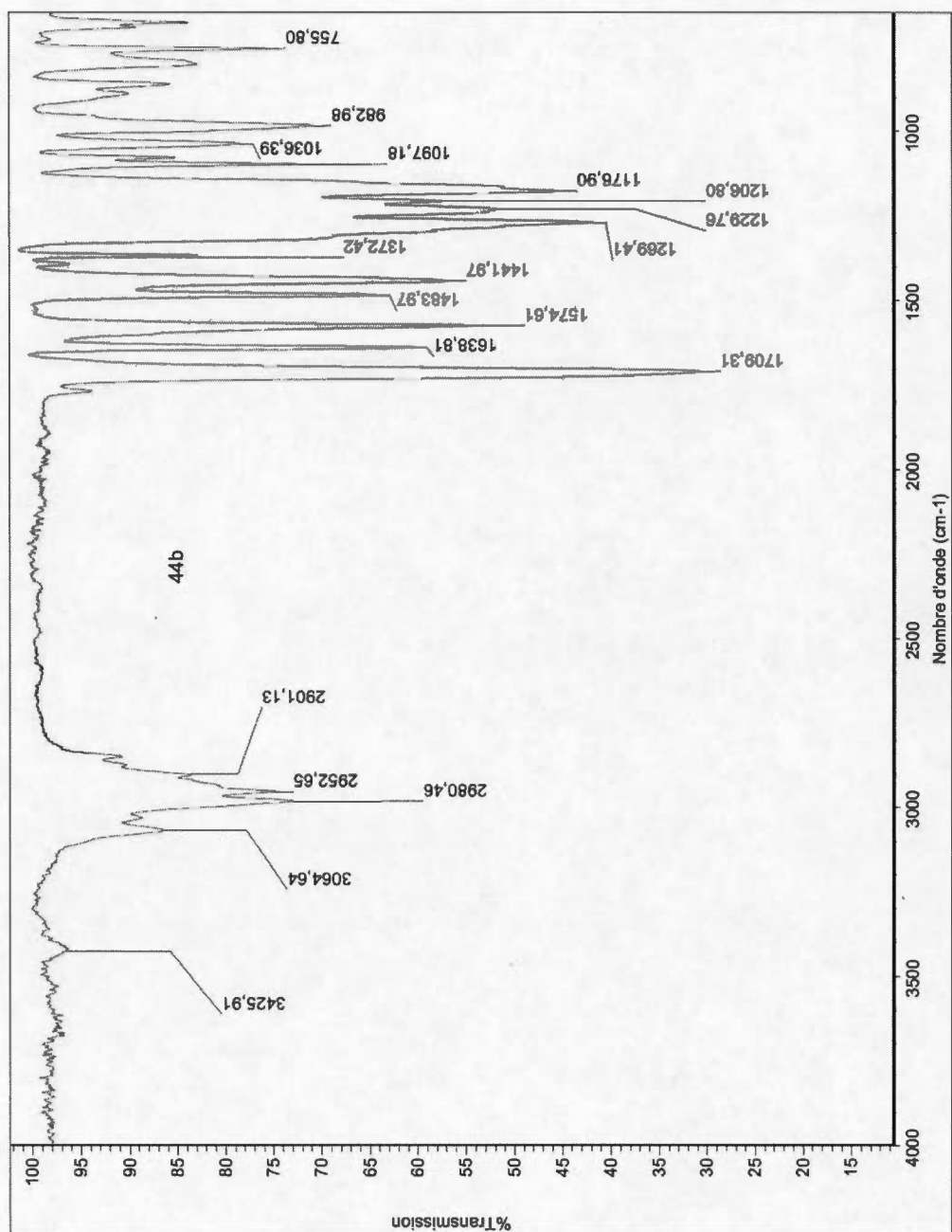


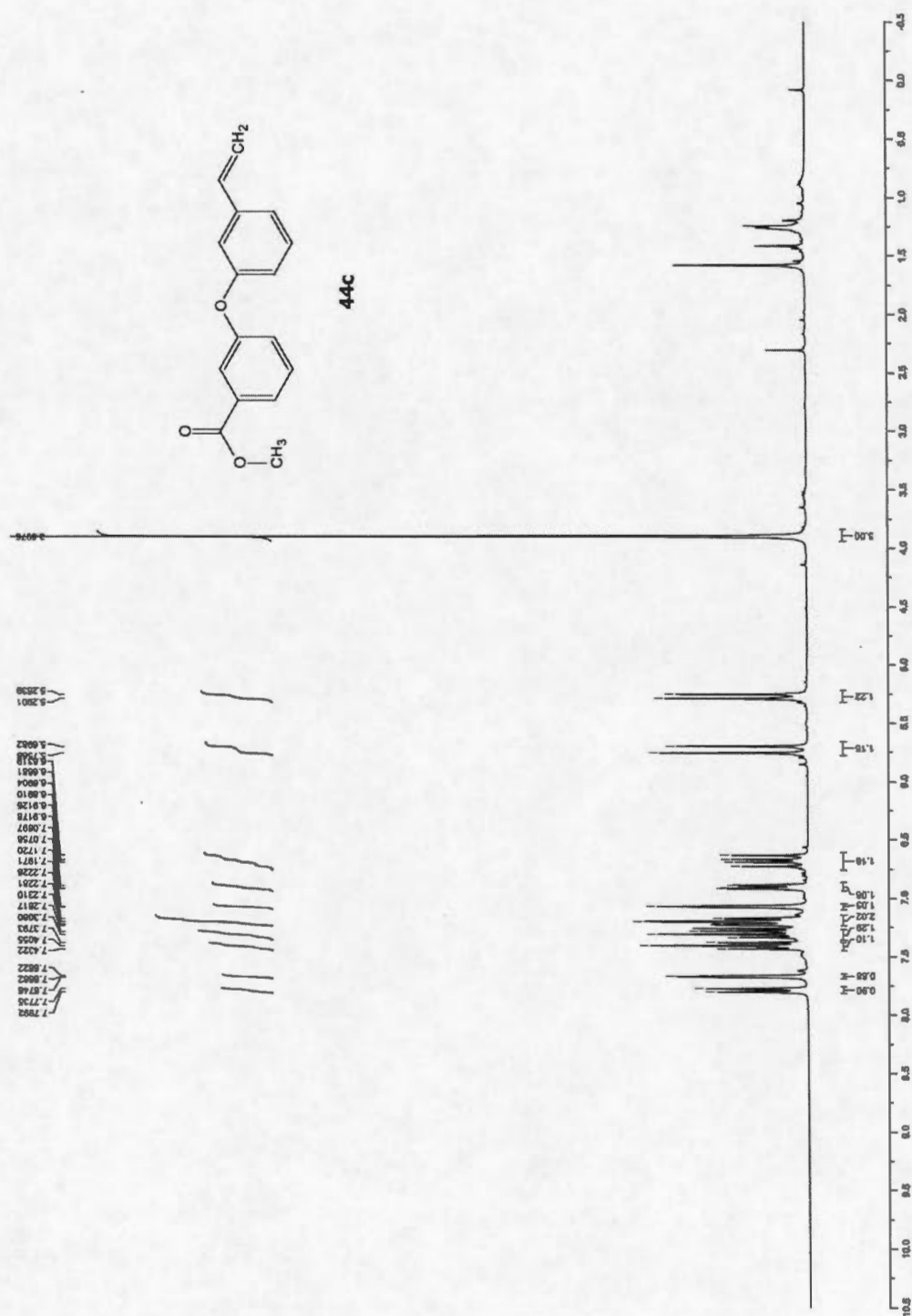


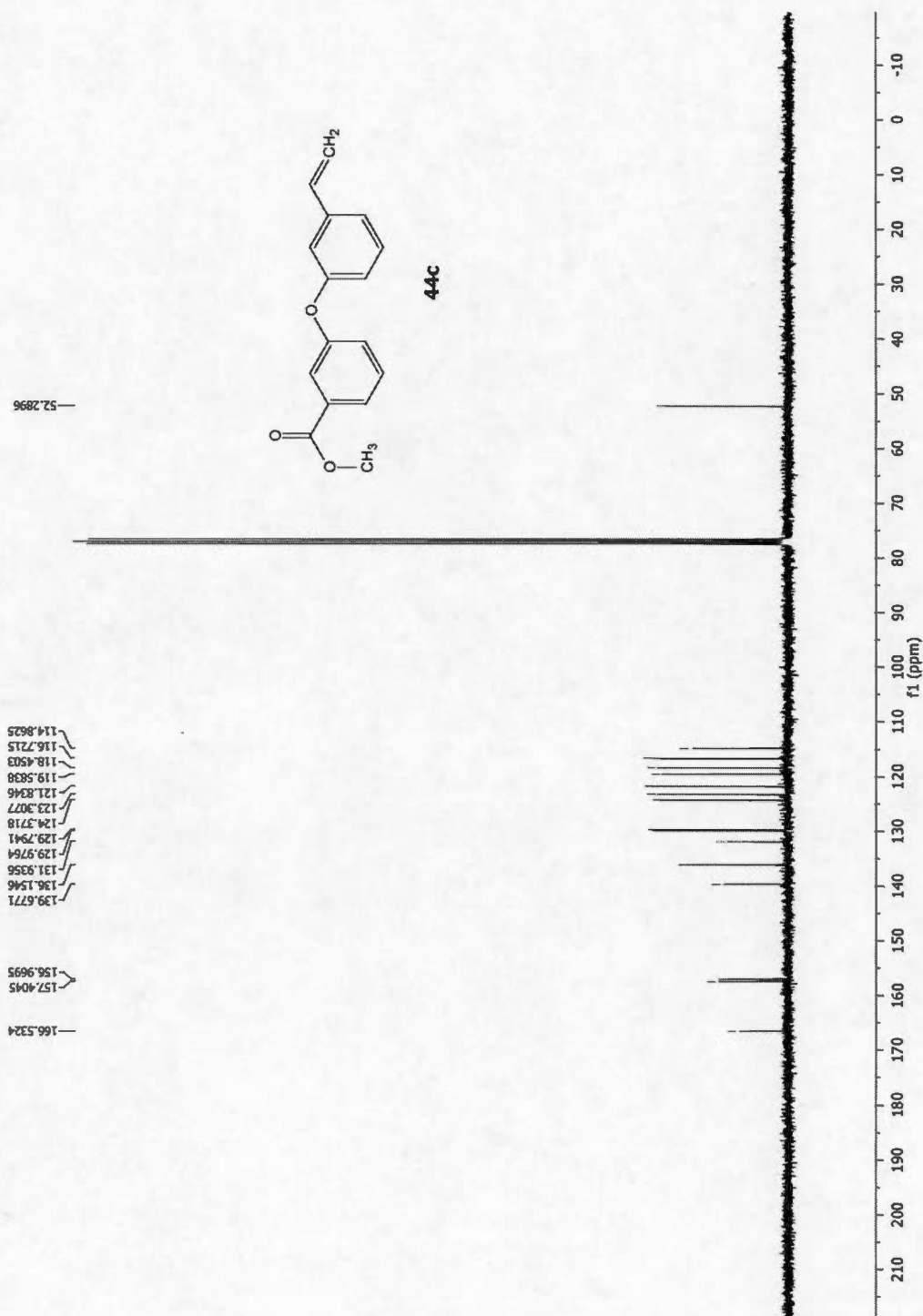


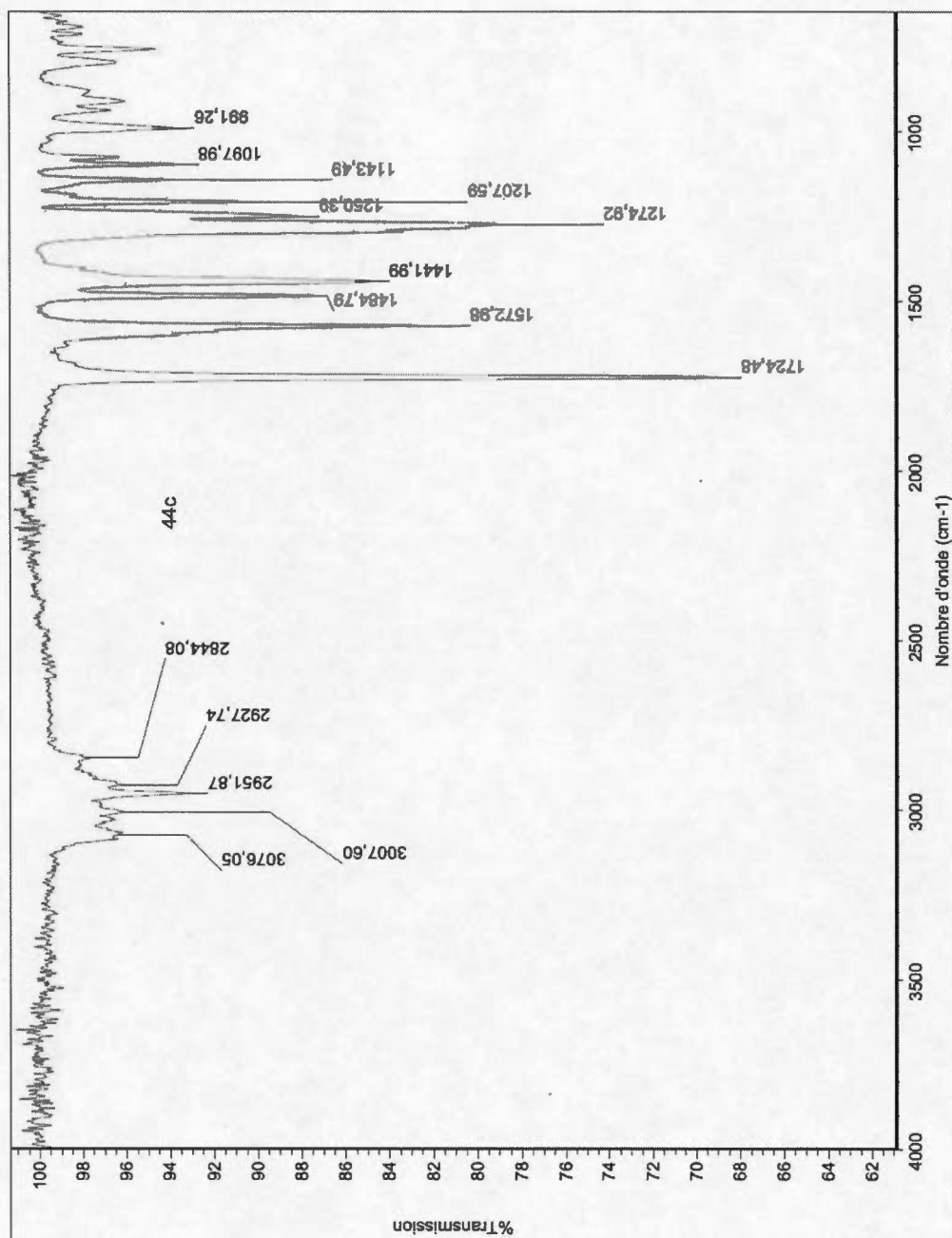


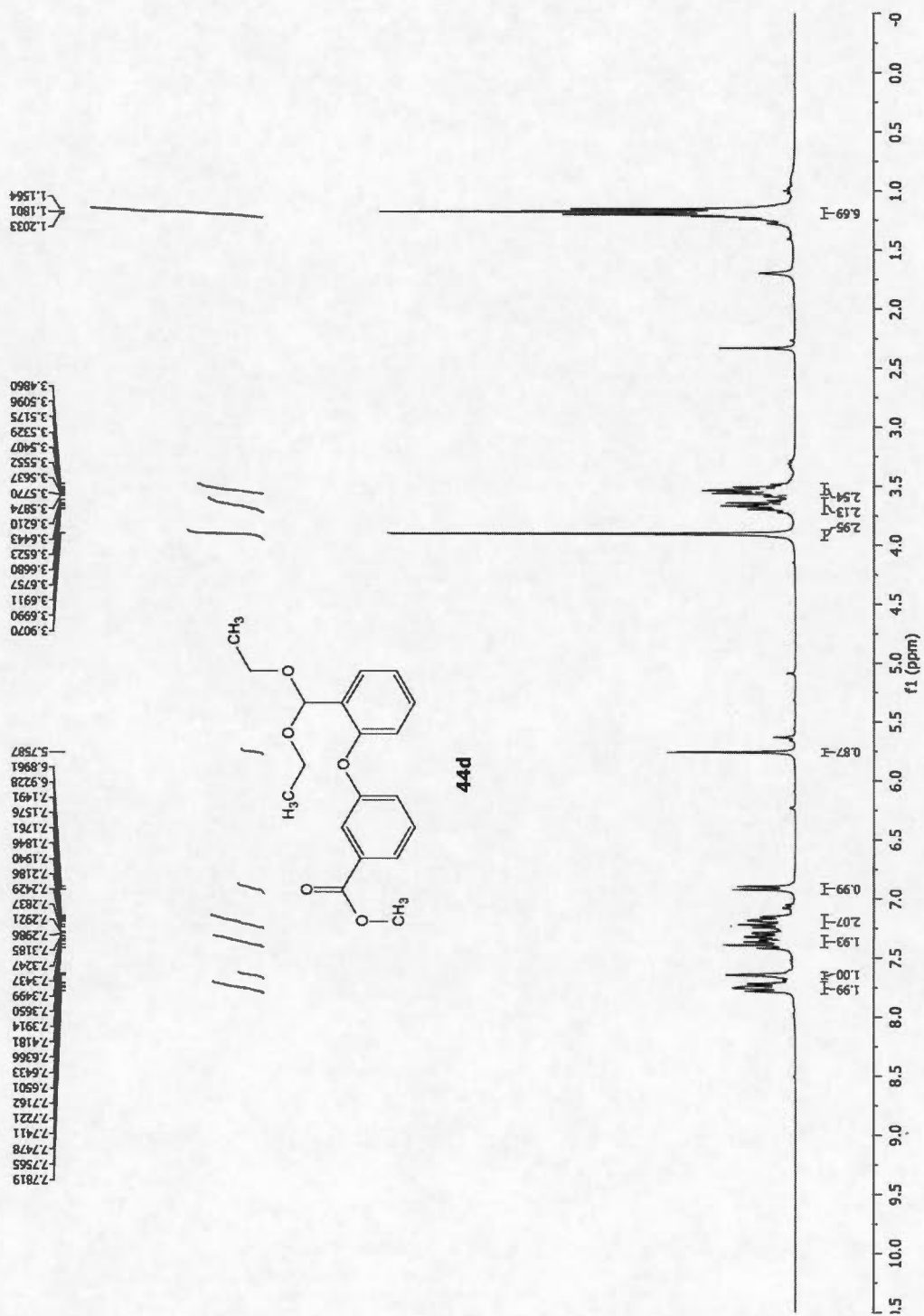


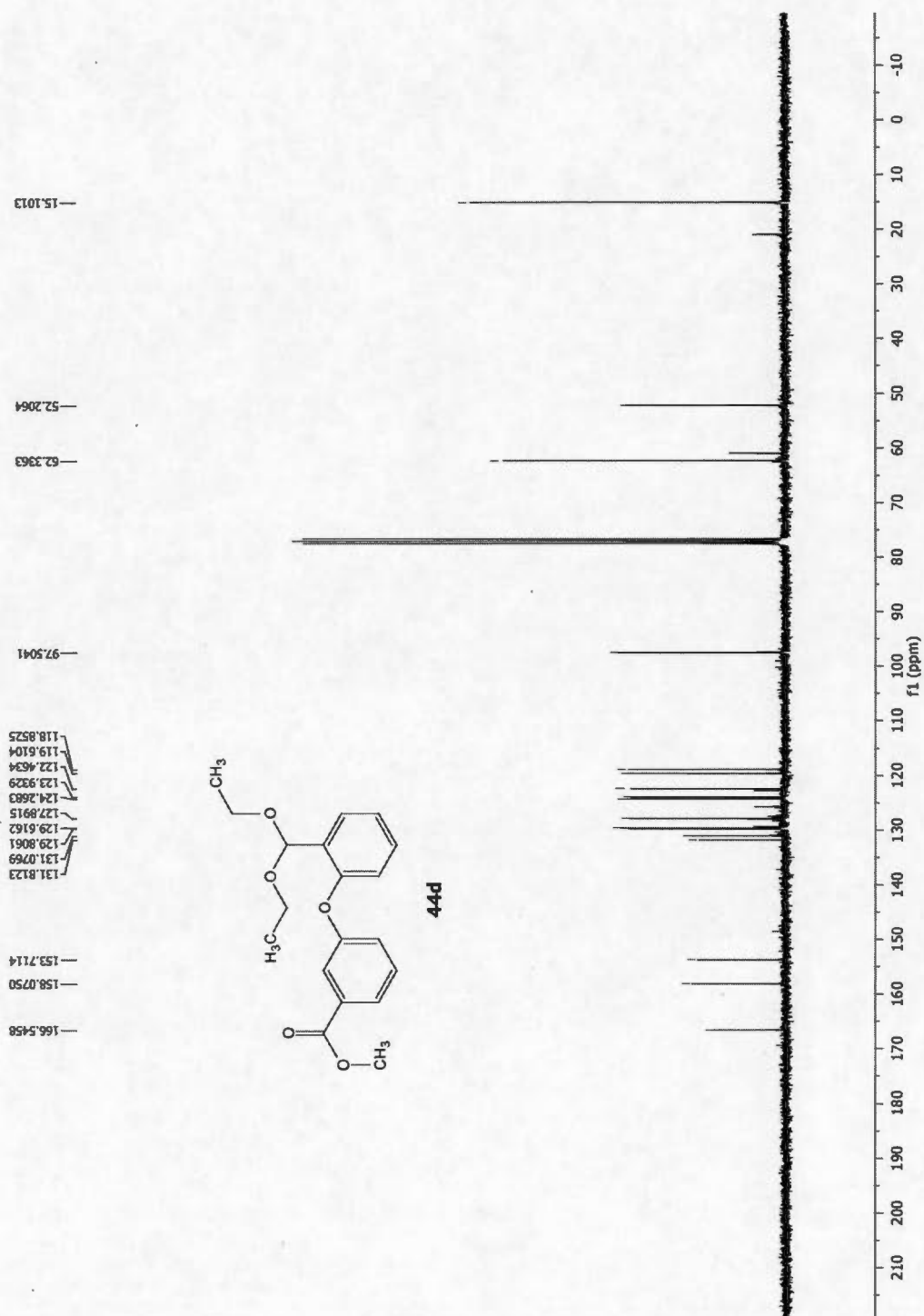


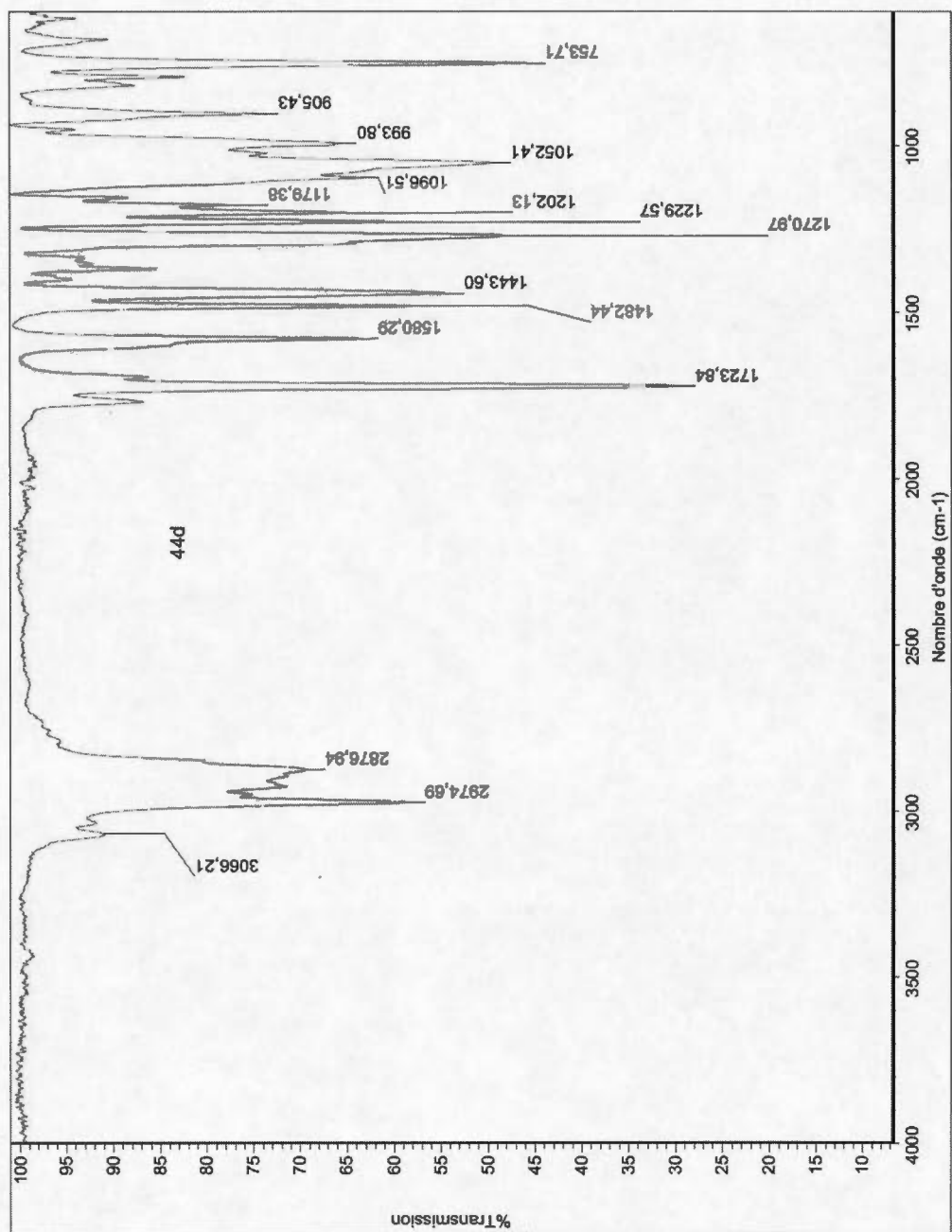


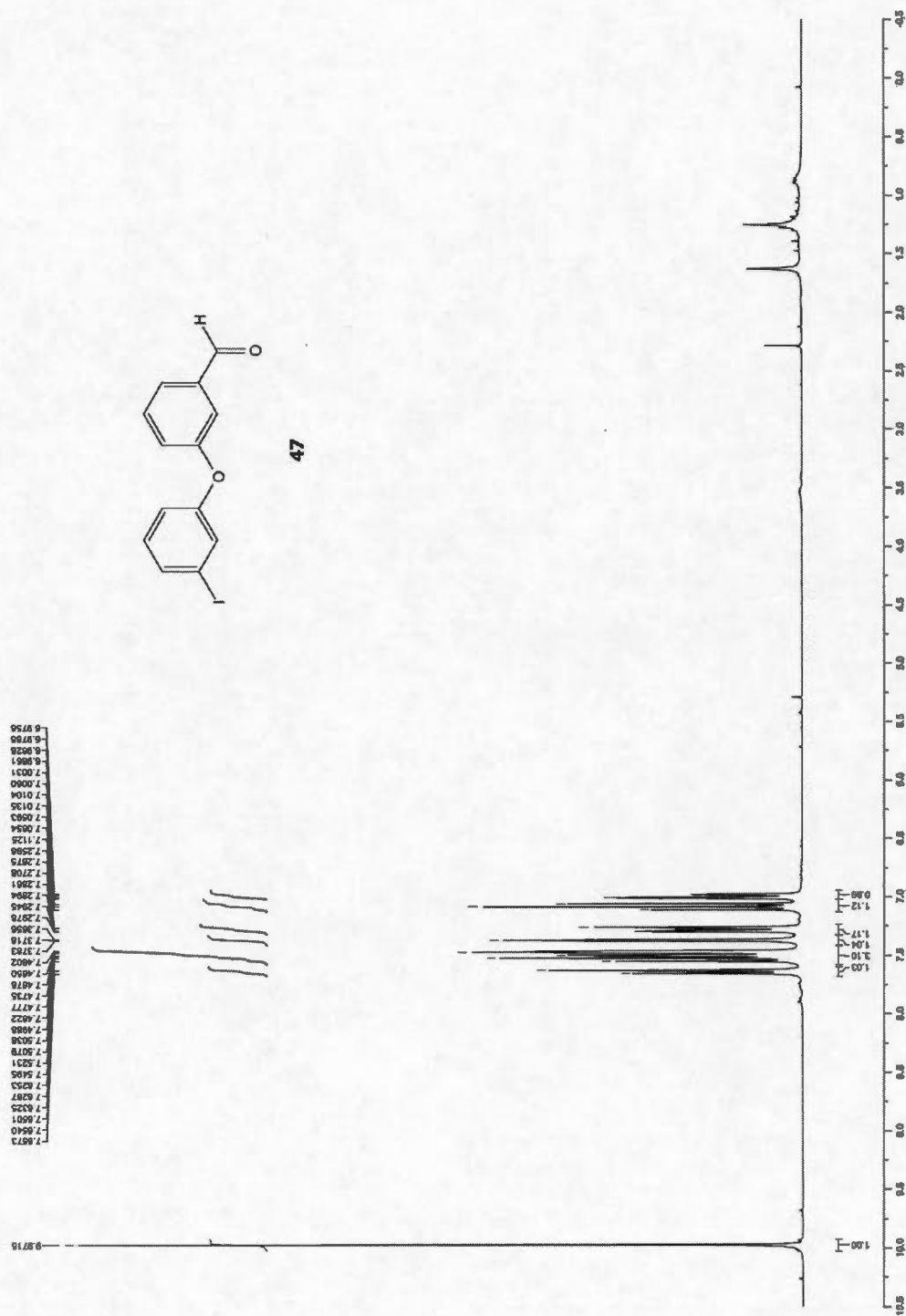




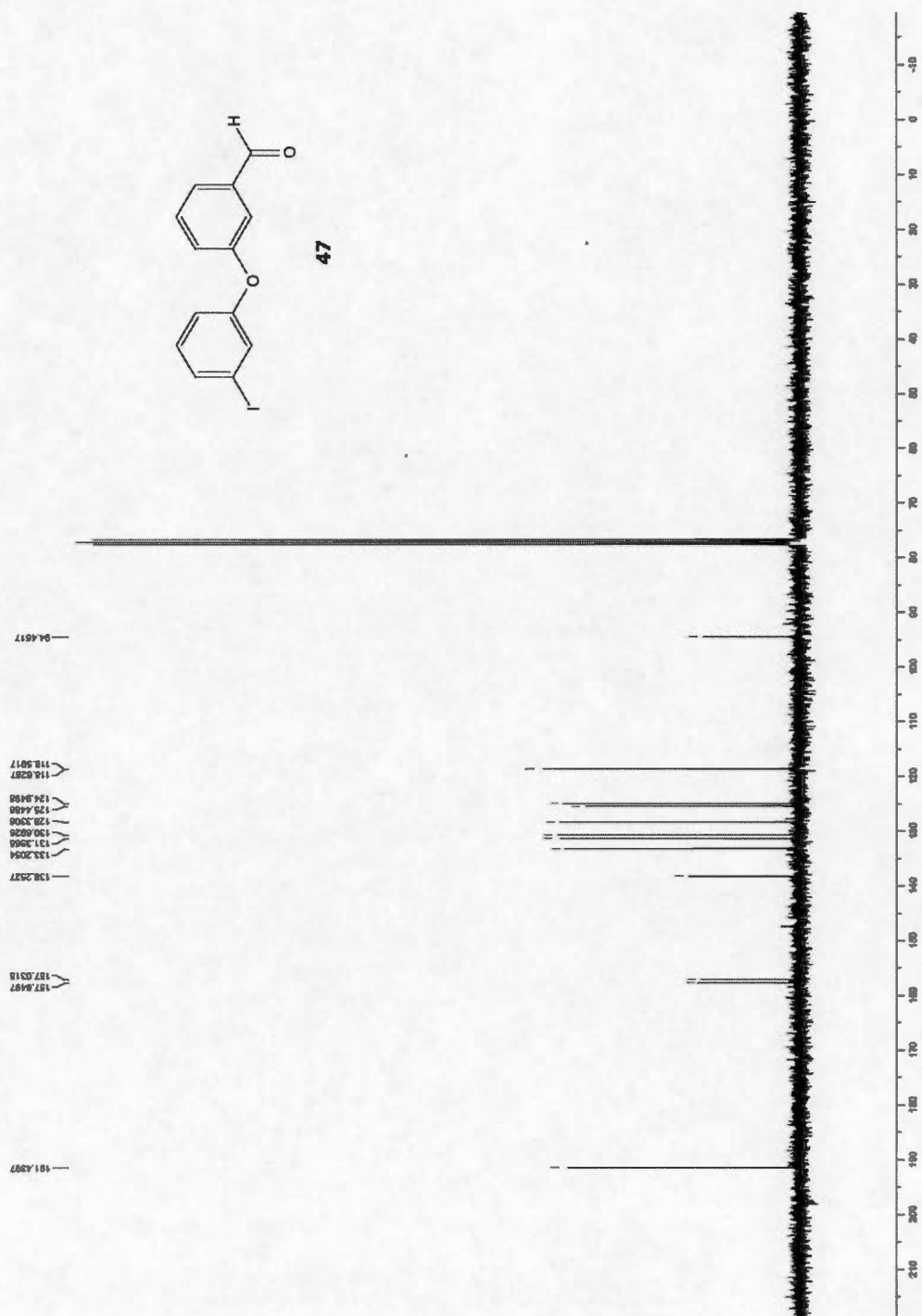


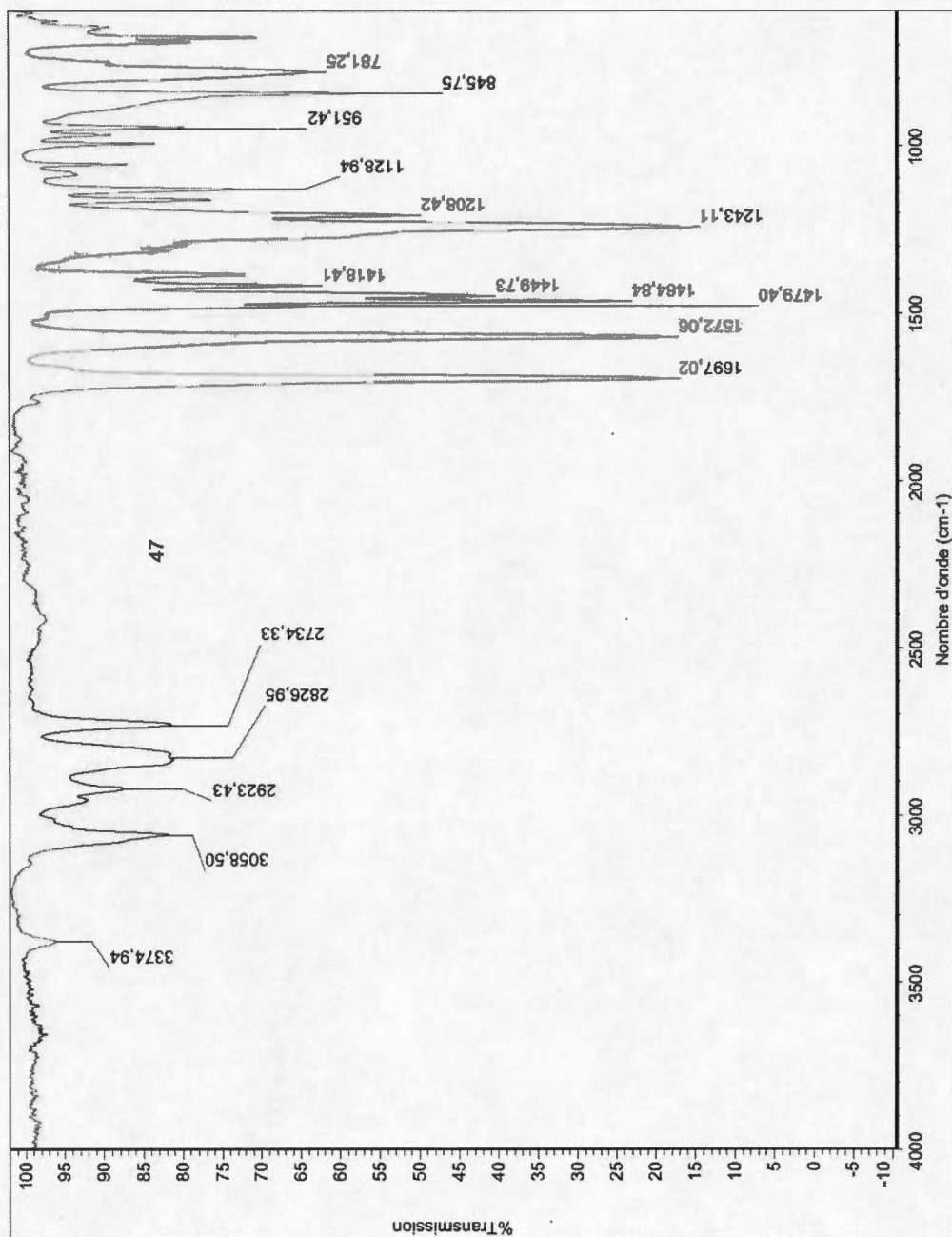


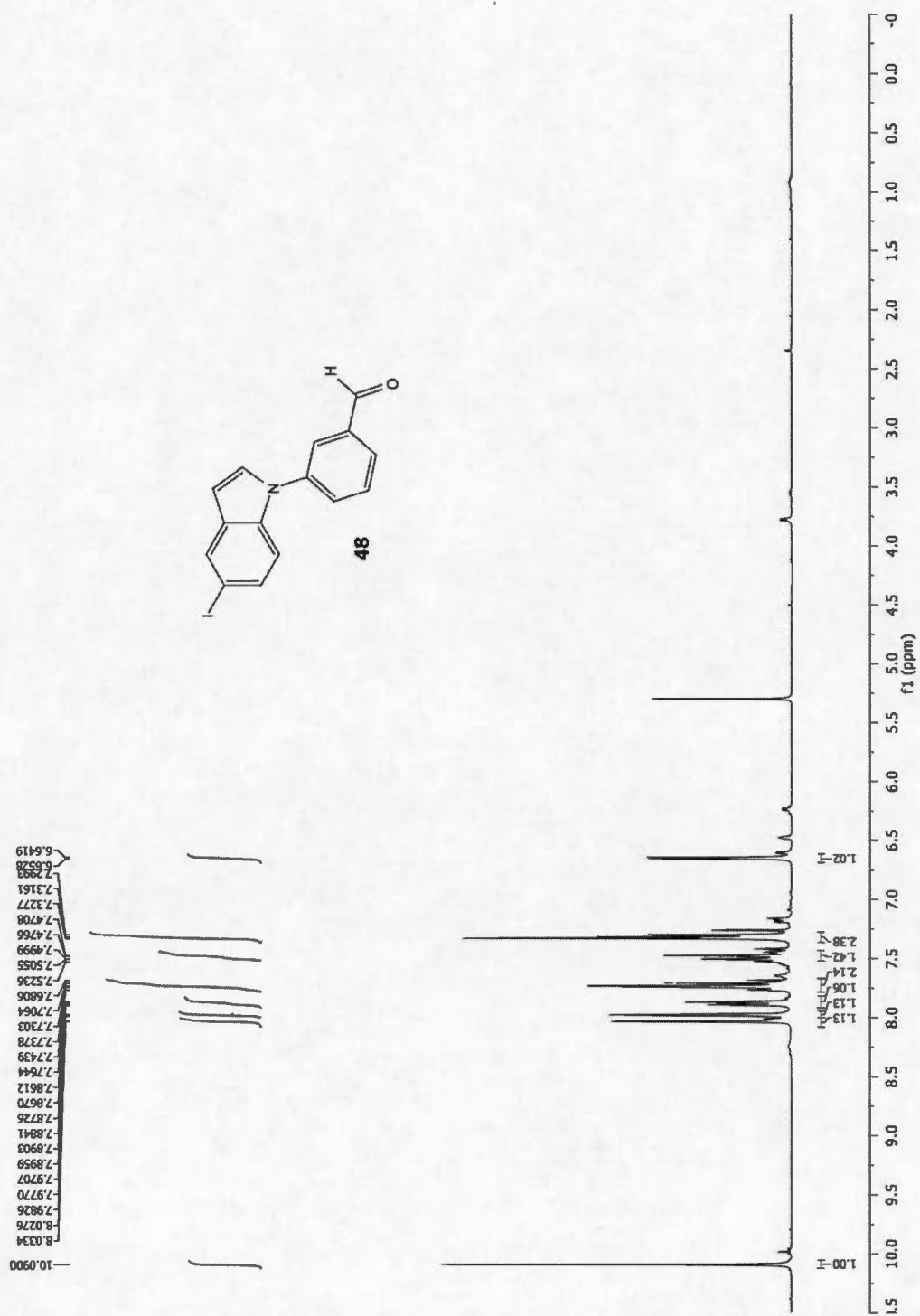


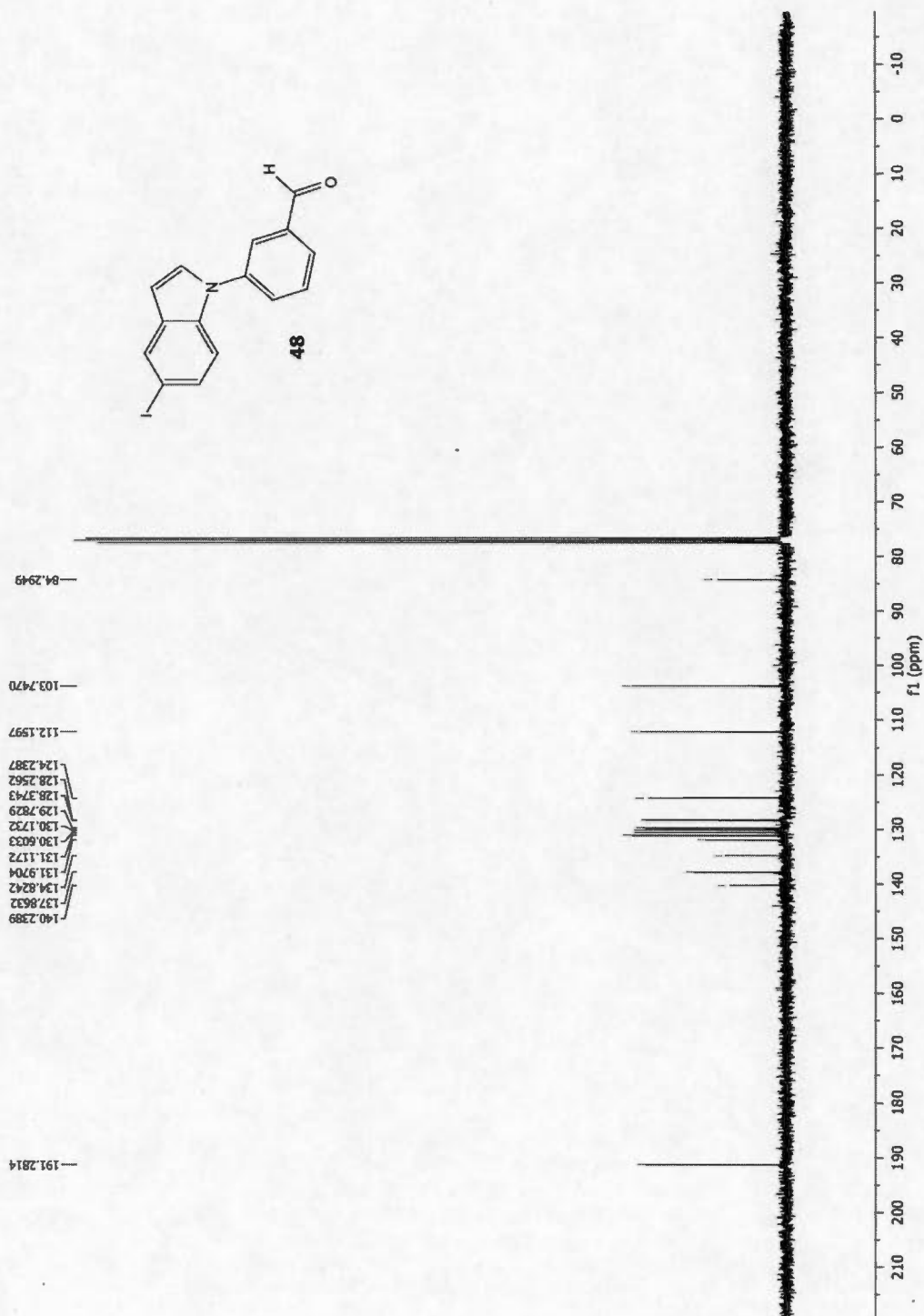


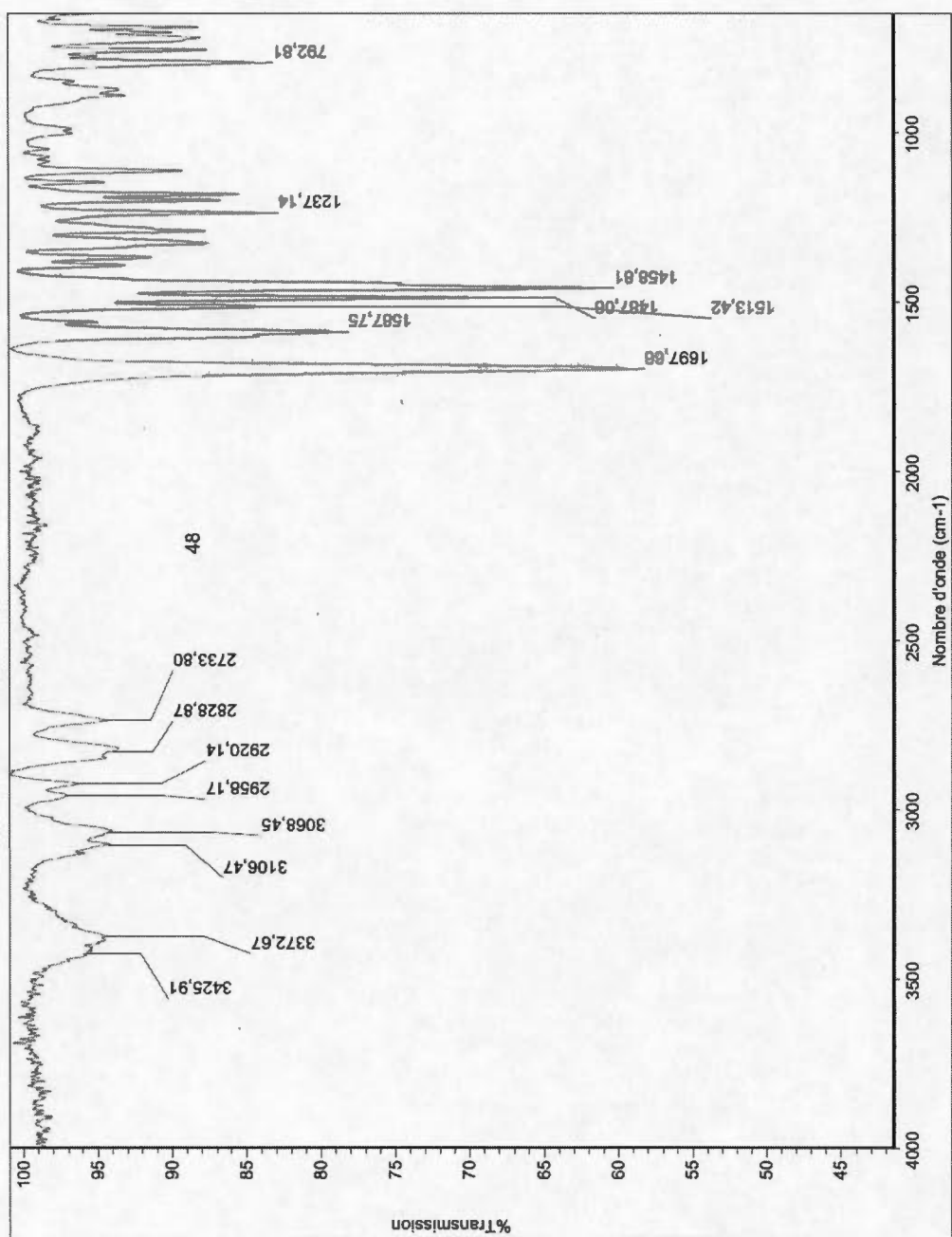


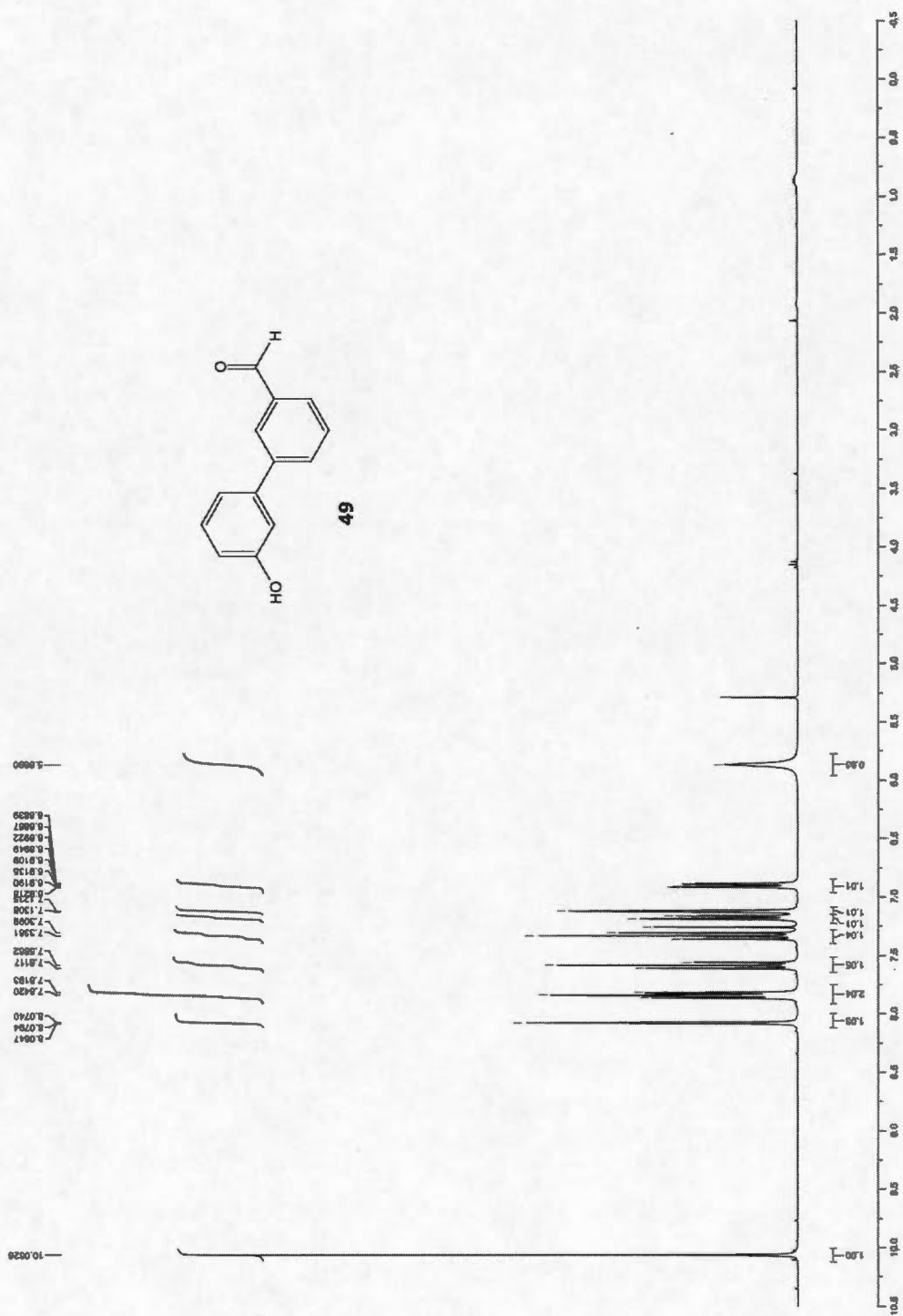


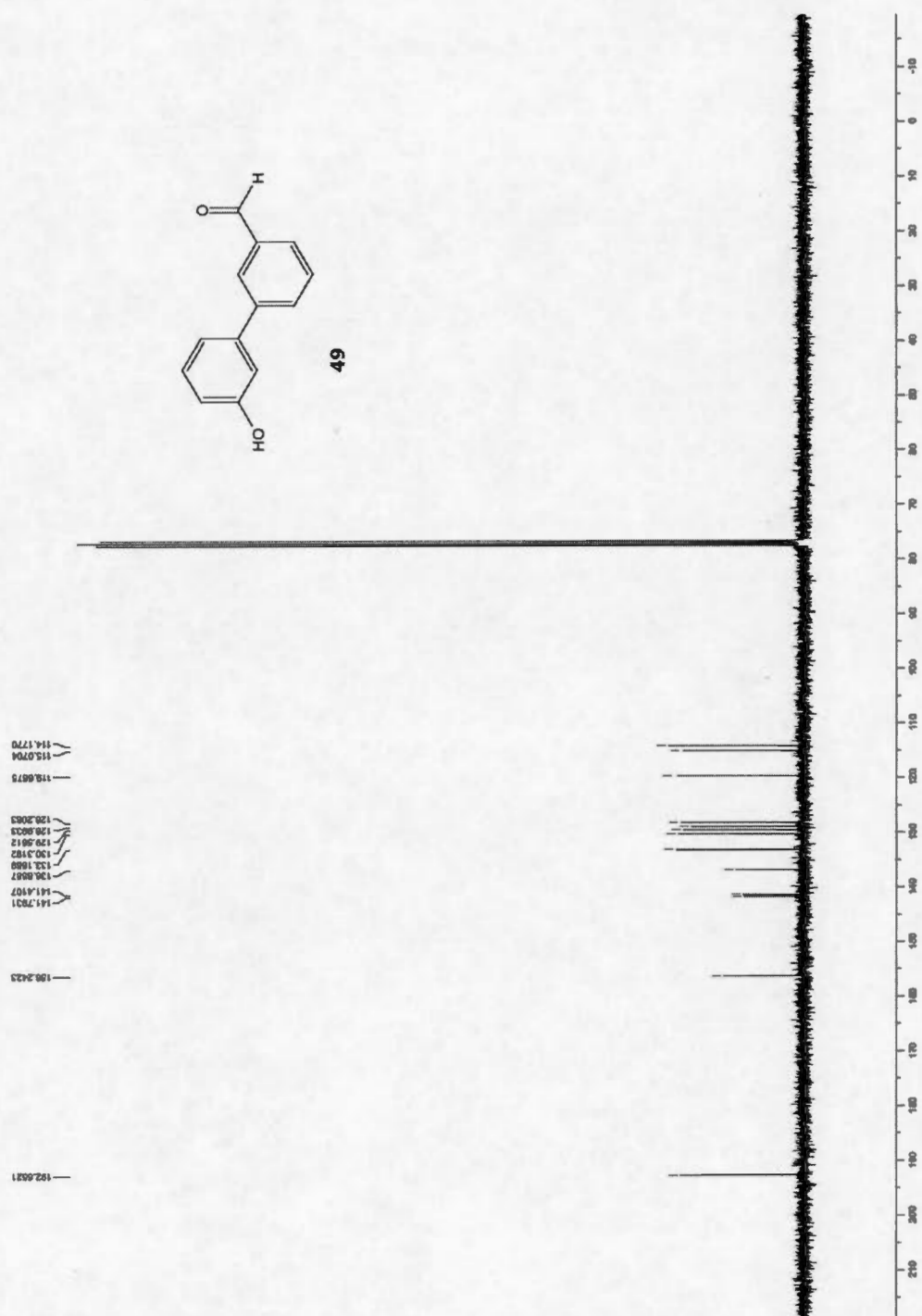


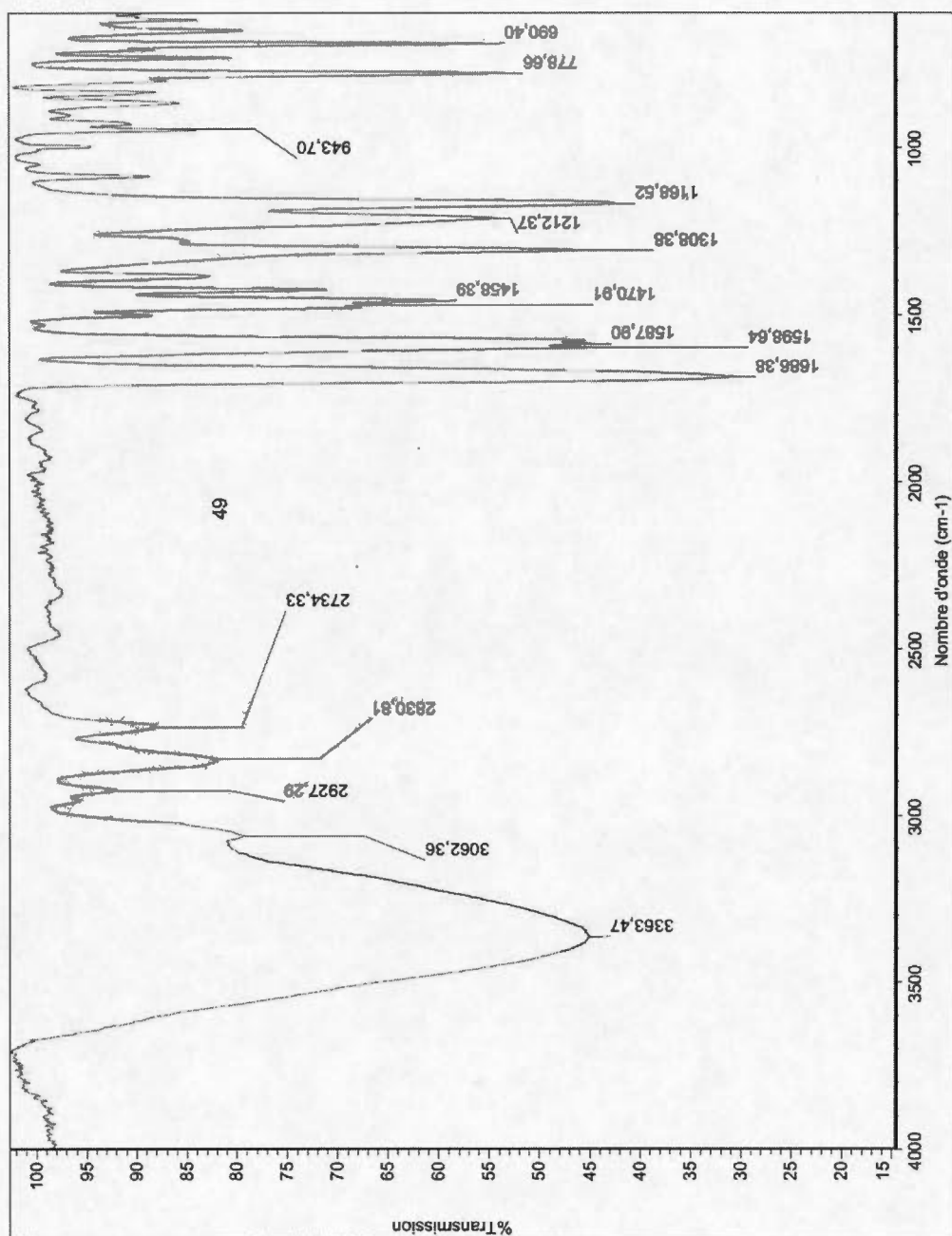




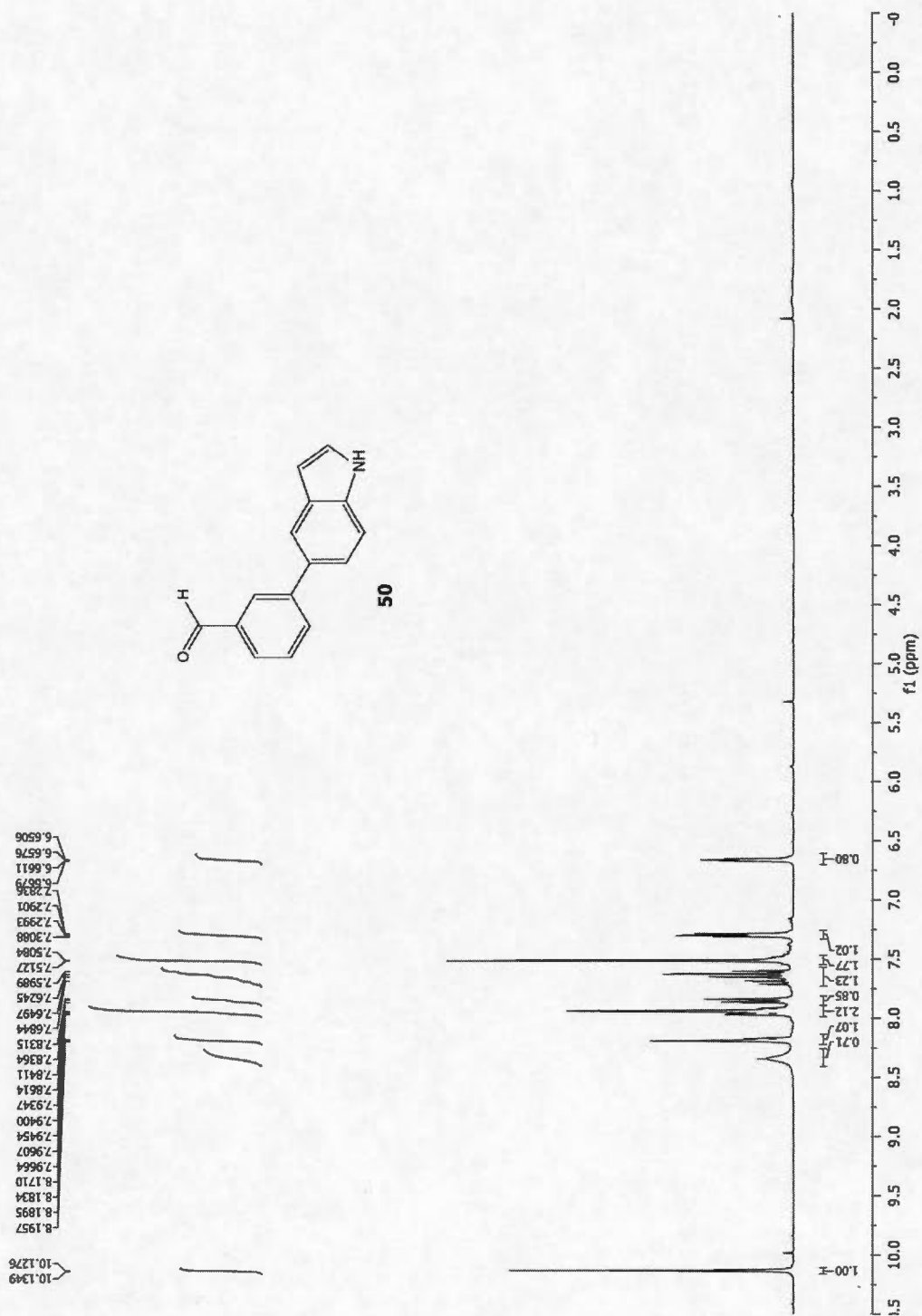


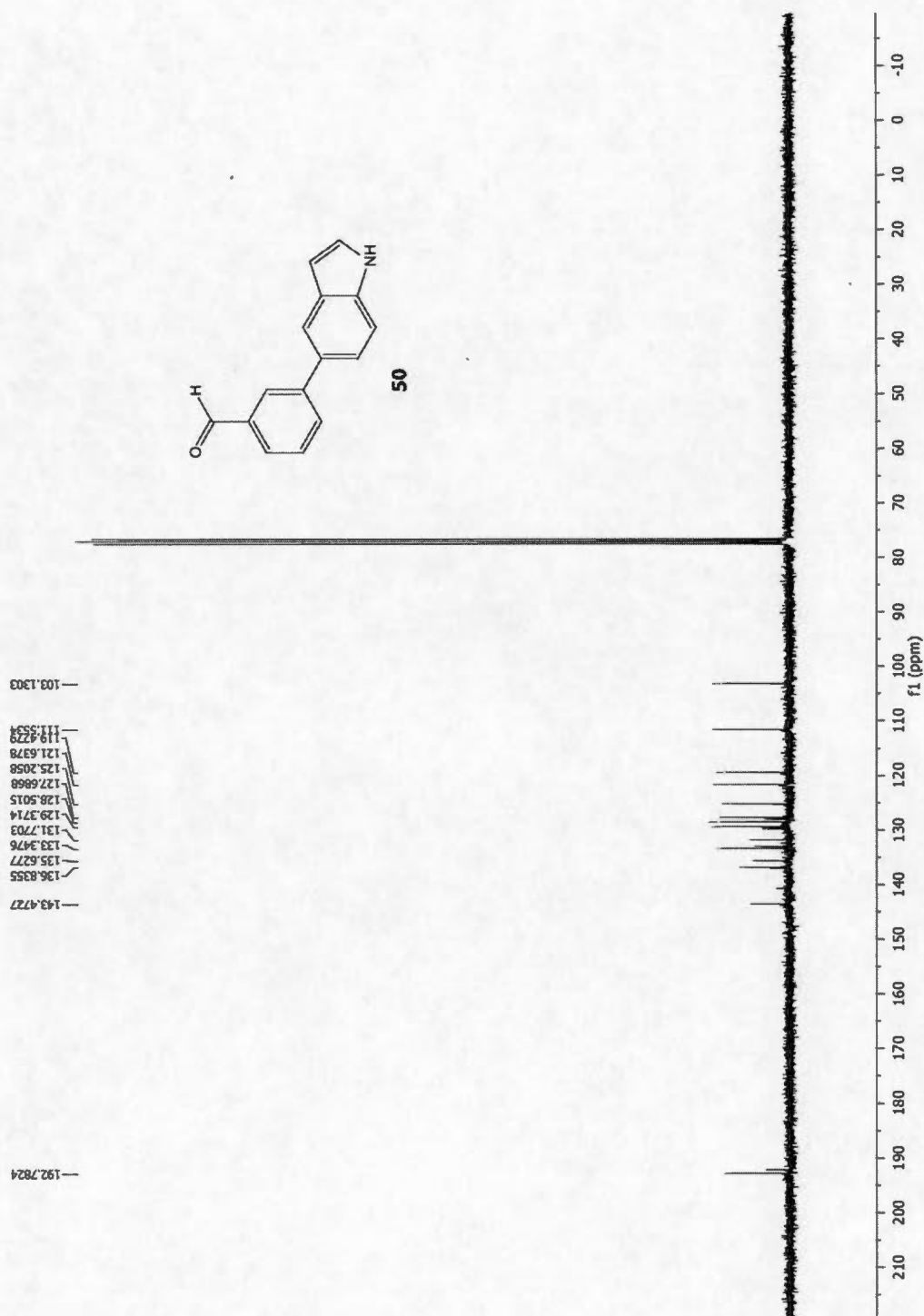


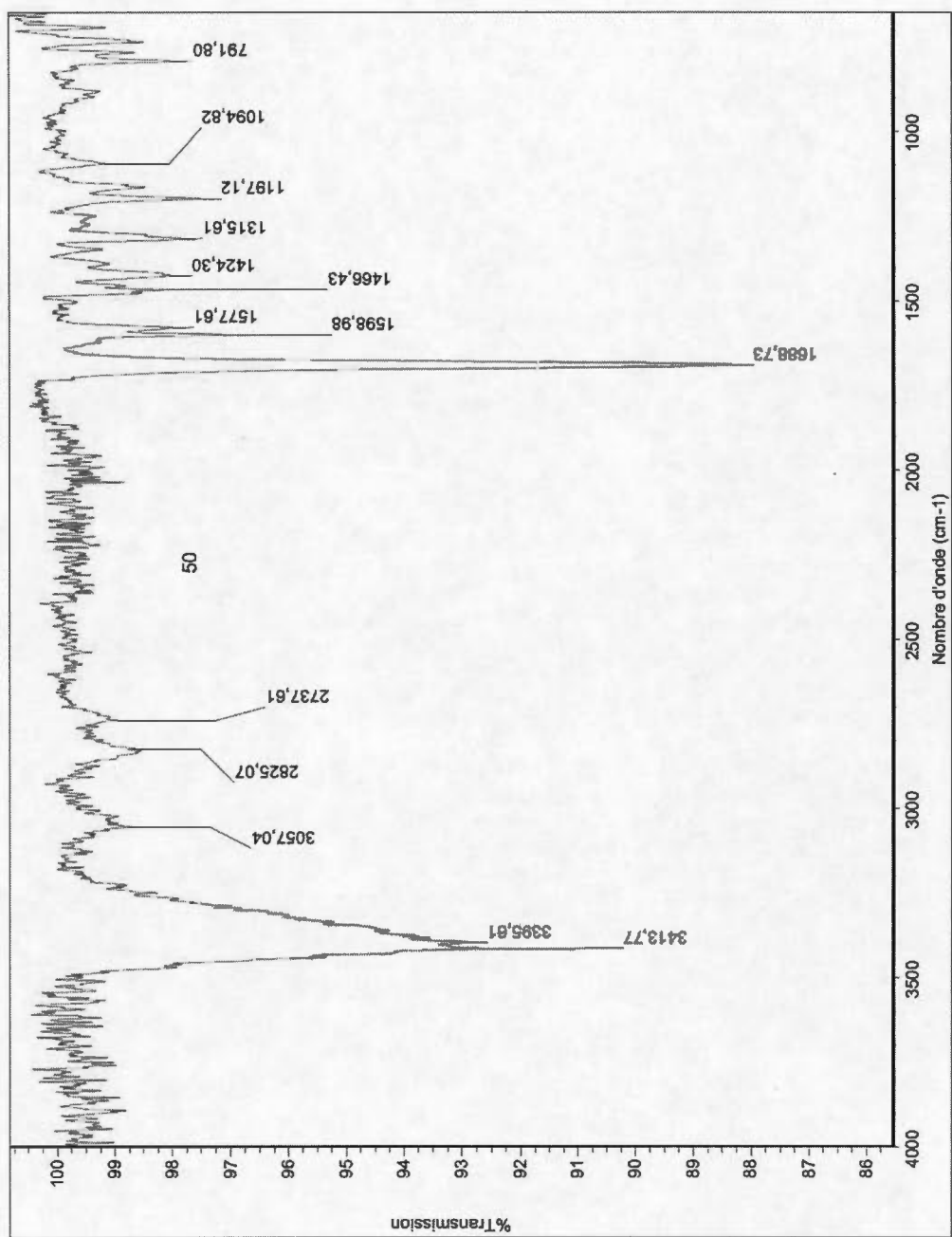












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